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HINT OF CHANGE IN ITALIAN POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE GREATEST INTEREST HAS BEEN AROUSED IN POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE BY THE NEWS THAT GERMAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED SOVIET-OCCUPIED GALICIA, THUS COMING NEAR THE RUMANIAN BORDER.

This development may lead to a considerable change in Italian policy, notably as regards Balkan problems.

If it is confirmed that Germany is taking advantage of the Soviet difficulties in Finland for taking the Russian place in the Carpathians, and that Hungary no longer needs to fear either a Soviet invasion or a German attempt to cross through her territory to attack Russia, then Italy will be freed from her main preoccupations—the maintenance of Hungarian integrity and independence towards Berlin and Moscow.

Simultaneously Italy would not have reasons as strong as at present for urging a Hungaro-Rumanian understanding, as the Hungarian claims might be satisfied in connexion with a Russian or German invasion of Rumania.

Such an eventuality, however, would undoubtedly lead to a very strong Anglo-French reaction, and Turkey would possibly also intervene.

Italy on her side could not keep away from events which would shape Balkan and Mediterranean policies for decades to come.—Havas.

Il Duce Showing His Hand Early?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Popolo D'Italia, Signor Mussolini's newspaper, in an remarkable article to-day stated that the present attitude of Italy cannot be prolonged indefinitely.

"Official speeches in London and Paris leave no doubt," it says, "that the world is waiting for Italy to show what she can do, and it is everything we can do to show the world that we are not only a great power but a great power."

ADMIRALTY TO BUILD MERCHANTMEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is persistently rumoured that the Admiralty will take up in the near future the responsibility for construction of merchantmen as well as warships.

The decision would mean an enormous boost-up in naval contracts.—Havas.

U.S. AIR MAIL BAN

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

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EVENTS MOVING IN SLOVAKIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

Despite persistent German denials, very reliable information reaching here from Slovakia confirms the impression that big events are taking place there.

More and more German military technicians are arriving at Bratislava and Prešov.

The germanisation of the Slovak army is going on rapidly, and Slovak officers and non-commissioned officers are retired and replaced by Germans.

Political circles here refuse to comment, as the meaning of the German concentration on Slovakia is not clear, but are of opinion that Slovakia may well become the centre of a new storm in Central Europe.—Havas.

AMERICANS IN SWEDEN WARNED

Stockholm, To-day.

The United States Minister to Sweden has circularised American citizens in Sweden urging them to make arrangements to leave the country as soon as possible, placing special stress on the desirability of early departure of women and children.

The message is understood to be purely precautionary and to have been inspired by Swedish defence measures following reports of German troop concentration on the German Baltic shores.—Reuter.

EXTREME COLD ON WESTERN FRONT

London, To-day.

Extreme cold has reduced activity on the Western front, but no real change is expected, according to the French command.—Reuter.

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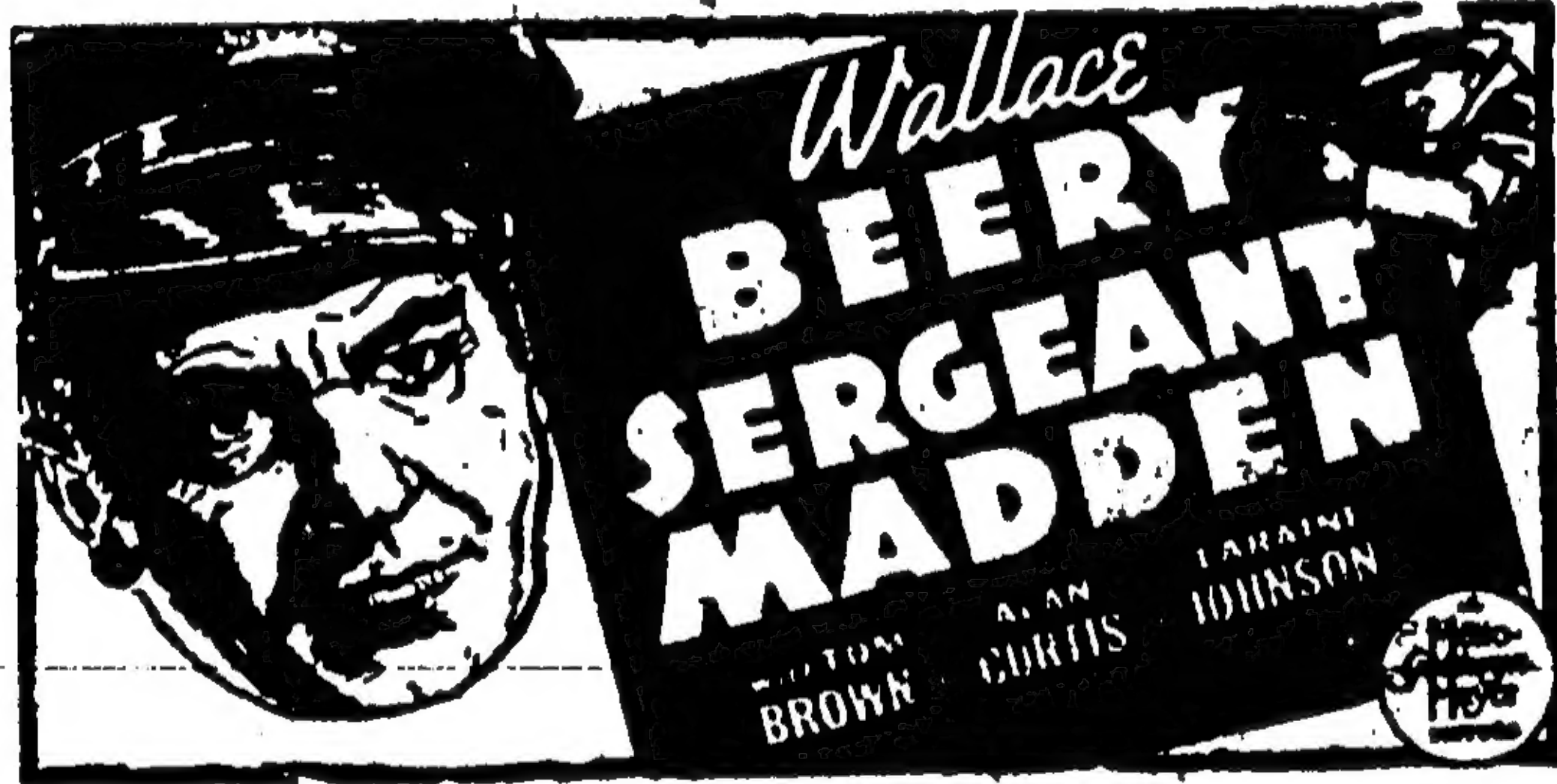
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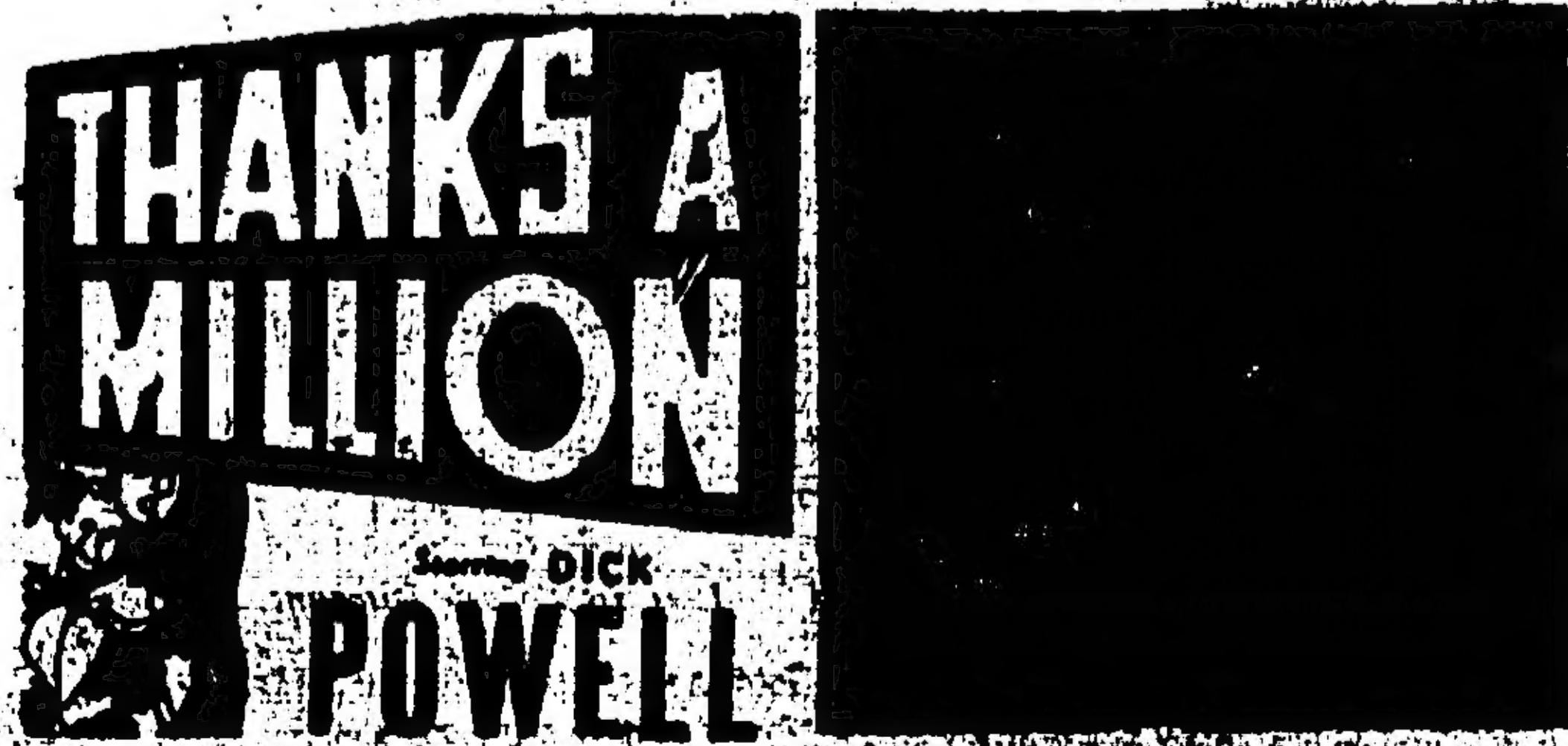
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FINLAND'S NEED GREATER THAN HAS BEEN GIVEN

Helsinki, To-day.

THE BRITISH LABOUR delegation which is visiting Finland spent most of yesterday inspecting the devastation caused by Soviet bombs in Hango.

Sir Walter Citrine, leader of the party, said: "It seems certain from what I have seen that the Russian bombers primarily concentrated on demoralising the civilian population."

"Not a single place we saw which had been hit in Hango was a military objective, but in many places workers' houses were destroyed completely. The bombing appeared to be inefficiently done, and the actual consequences in most cases were comparatively small. Our business is to discover the extent of Finland's need and how far that need is being met."

NEED GREAT

"If we find the need is greater than the aid being given, the Labour movement will use the maximum in public influence to see that the need is met."

"It must be remembered that Britain herself is at war and has pressing needs of her own."—Reuter.

"WHITE TERROR" ALLEGATIONS

Helsinki, To-day

Sir Walter Citrine, head of the British Labour Delegation visiting Finland at the invitation of the Finnish Trade Unions, said yesterday that the delegation wants to see for itself conditions of Finnish workers, so that it can deny suggestions by the Communists of an alleged "White Terror" in Finland.

The delegation arrived yesterday and is later to visit Denmark and Norway.—Reuter.

MOVEMENT AGAINST WANG

Chungking, To-day.

A movement has been initiated by Chinese in Shanghai to drive Wang Ching-wei out of China, says a Shanghai dispatch.

A joint telegram to the National Government is being drafted denouncing Wang Ching-wei's secret agreement with Japan and pledging efforts to expel Wang from the country.

In an editorial, the "Chinese-American Daily News" said that publication of the Wang Ching-wei—Japan secret agreement made a startling revelation of his conspiracy against the State. He conceded to Japan what Yuan Shih-kai, Tsao Yu-lin and Lu Chung-yu, respectively President, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister to Japan, during Japan's presentation of the Twenty-one Demands in 1915, dared not concede.

The "National Herald" said that the agreement is Japan's comprehensive scheme for the subjugation of China. China should continue to fight to accelerate Japan's collapse.—Central News.

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OFFICIAL BRITISH REPLY

To Be Sent To Japan Within Twenty-Four Hours

JAPANESE INDIGNATION UNDIMINISHED

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH OFFICIAL reply to the Japanese protest over the so-called "Asama Maru incident," will be sent to Tokyo within 24 hours, it was understood yesterday.

In a statement to the press in Tokyo yesterday, Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, said that there had been much misapprehension as to the actual point at issue.

He reminded them that the Japanese captain in not disclosing their identities. Navy had frequently stopped and boarded British ships, and said that surely the question could be settled in a calm atmosphere without arousing anger on either side.

Sir Robert's statement was later criticised by a spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, who said that Sir Robert had been "unfriendly" in appealing to the public before giving a formal reply to the Japanese protest.—Reuter.

Japanese Feelings More Important Than Law

Tokyo, To-day.

The Navy Ministry spokesman, in upholding the Japanese view that the Asama Maru incident was a violation of international law, stressed that in any case Japanese national feelings were "more important than questions of law."

He said it was very regrettable that the British Navy took action calculated to "injure the prestige" of the Japanese navy at the "very entrance gates to the Japanese capital."

He criticised the discourtesy of the British warship and the British

MAKING PREPARATIONS

The spokesman added that the captain of the Asama Maru had been retired for unseamanlike behaviour in not refusing to surrender the Germans.

Parallel to the Anglo-Japanese diplomatic negotiations, he revealed that the Japanese navy was making preparation to prevent a recurrence of such incidents in future.

In conclusion, the spokesman expressed the hope that the British Government would give its policy full reconsideration.—Reuter.

The Question At Issue

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese indignation over the stopping of the Asama Maru has been revived by the statement issued to the press by the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie.

The Foreign Office spokesman declares that Sir Robert had been "unfriendly" in appealing to the Japanese nation before formally replying to the Japanese protest.

Sir Robert's statement, according to the Japanese press, reads: "I have

JAPANESE BREAK WINDOWS IN CONSULATE

Tokyo, To-day.

Guards on the British Embassy have again been strengthened as the result of an incident last night when a Japanese crowd demonstrated in front of the British Consulate-General and smashed the windows.—Our Own Correspondent.

gained the impression that there is much misapprehension regarding the actual point at issue in the Asama Maru case.

"For instance, there is much about the stopping constituting an affront to Japan."

"I should like to assure my Japanese friends that the very last thing Britain wishes to do is to take action derogatory to Japan's prestige."

QUESTION AT ISSUE

"The only question at issue is whether Germans of military age returning to their country under orders and at the expense of the German Government for service in the armed forces may be removed from a neutral ship; or whether such action must be confined to enemy nationals actually serving in the German armed forces."

"That question can surely be settled in a calm atmosphere without arousing anger on either side." —Reuter.

MAORI VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

Wellington, To-day.

The first battalion of Maori volunteers went into camp for field training yesterday.

It was at the express wish of the Maoris themselves that they should be permitted to form their own battalions to fight in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

The battalion is 1,000 strong and in its ranks are men who fought in the last war.

Two Maori battalions went to Europe with the Anzacs in the last war. They saw service in Gallipoli and France and won the highest praise from the Allied Command.

The battalions were maintained at full strength—2,000 men—throughout the war, no mean feat when it is remembered that the whole Maori race at the time numbered little over 80,000 men, women and children.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CORRUPTION

Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai has given birth to a second "Badlands" in Nantao.

Gambling houses and opium and heroin dens have been established since the gates leading to the French Concession were thrown open.

Workmen are being employed and night clubs and other similar establishments are being opened.

It is reported that the Chinese government is taking steps to suppress this new form of corruption.

GRACE WON'T IMPROVE POSITION

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

THE EXPIRY OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN TRADE TREATY IS THE OCCASION OF MUCH PRESS COMMENT TO-DAY, BUT THE MOST OUTSPOKEN EDITORIAL IS CARRIED BY THE CHINESE-OWNED "CHINA PRESS," WHICH URGES THE ADOPTION OF POSITIVE MEASURES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY WAY TO BRING ABOUT A PERCEPTIBLE CHANGE IN THE JAPANESE ATTITUDE TOWARDS AMERICAN INTERESTS IN CHINA.

The "China Press" adds that unless such measures are put into effect, the abrogation of the treaty will remain a futile official gesture.

It points out that during the "Six-Months' Probation Period," from July 26 when the treaty was abrogated until January 26, Japanese policy has showed no change.

It is continued: "It is our belief that another indeterminate period of grace will not bring forth any appreciable change in Japanese policy towards American nationals and their interests.—Reuter."

PETTY PIECE OF WORK BY JAPANESE

Shanghai, To-day.

Announcing that they were boarding the ship "in retaliation for the Asama Maru incident," a Japanese naval party boarded the Indo-China "Wing-sang" off Foochow on Wednesday.

This was revealed to-day when a passenger told Reuter: "We were at anchor outside Foochow on Wednesday when suddenly a Japanese gunboat nearby fired two shots over our bow."

"A Japanese party came on board and told the captain they were doing this in retaliation for the Asama Maru incident."

"After a few minutes they calmly left, without effecting a search." —Reuter.

KOWLOON SMALLPOX

The smallpox outbreak in Kowloon which has been the source of most cases reported in the Colony this winter appears to be increasing in virulence.

Yesterday nine further cases were reported from the Kowloon registration area. Four other smallpox cases notified included three from the harbour.

Twenty-seven tuberculosis and two typhoid cases were also reported.

COLD UP NORTH

Shanghai woke up this morning to eleven degrees of frost. In Hankow nine degrees of frost was registered while in Peking and Tientsin the thermometer showed 18 degrees below freezing point.

North China has been hit by a severe cold wave since last night and today's frost is the heaviest yet.

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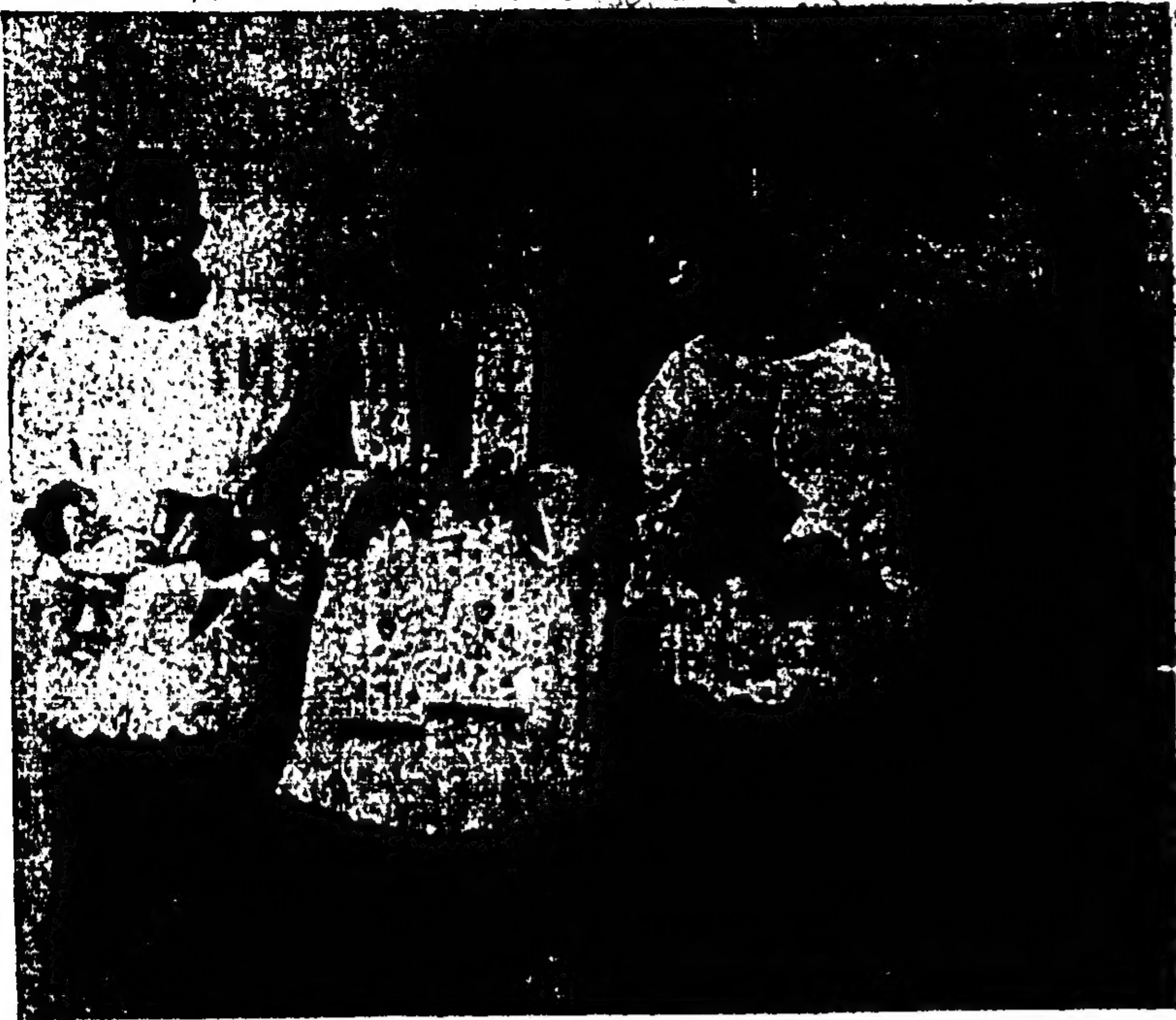
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A group photo taken after the opening of the new wing of the Precious Blood Hospital on Saturday.

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CALL FOR ECONOMIC DICTATOR

London, To-day.
The motion tabled by the Labour Opposition urging the appointment of a Minister specially charged with the function of planning the use to the best advantage for the successful prosecution of the war of the nation's economic resources, will be debated in the Commons next Thursday.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN FEELING CALMER

Washington, To-day.
Public revelation of the recent enormous growth in the despatch of food and clothing to Germany has produced a diminution of the feeling aroused by the Anglo-American controversies over British examination of United States mails.

It is believed the United States concedes the right to Britain to examine parcels, but will continue to dispute the right of Britain to censor letter correspondence.

It is widely known in this country that since the stoppage of German sailings, German shipping offices have been exclusively engaged in booking orders for food, to be bought in Holland and shipped to given addresses in Germany.

This practice enables Germans here to feed relatives in Germany, and in addition provides Germany with foreign exchange reserves.—Reuter.

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Helsinki, To-day.
IN THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS the situation is relatively quiet, says a Finnish war communique, and activity is limited to reconnaissances and harassing artillery fire.

North of Lake Ladoga the Russians continued their attacks all day, and the most violent fighting occurred at Aittojoki. The attacks were repelled with great losses to the Red Army.

BLOCKADE RUNNER CAUGHT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A VETERAN NORWEGIAN SKIPPER WHO BOASTED THAT HE HAD SLIPPED THROUGH THE CONTRABAND CONTROL IN THE LAST WAR A DOZEN TIMES IS NOW IN A BRITISH PORT—A TRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BRITISH CONTROL THIS TIME.

His ship was brought in by the contraband control—consisting of a seaplane which spotted his vessel in the near Arctic and which wirelessly the patrol ship ahead to bring him in.

The captain acknowledges in good spirit that he has been fairly and squarely treated.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.
GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT IS SEEN IN THE DECISION TO CREATE A MINISTRY OF SUPPLY ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF REGULATING THE PRODUCTION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXPORTS AND OF RAW MATERIALS.

The main function of the new organisation will insure an improved system of petrol distribution.

Government quarters explain that this measure is due to the confusion in the distribution of oil which resulted from the decrease in production during recent years.—Havas.

EMERGENCY DEFENCE BILL PASSED

Washington, To-day.
The Senate yesterday approved the \$252,000,000 Emergency Defence Appropriations Bill.

The Bill now goes to the House of Representatives for action on the amendments, including cuts of \$13,000,000 affecting the army, navy and coastguard funds.—Reuter.

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. Albert Quark, of the editorial staff of the "South China Morning Post" and Miss Marie Spencer was announced at the Registry this morning.

JAPAN AND GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.
Field-Marshal Goering yesterday received Mr. Aikawa, Chairman of the Manchukuo company for building up the heavy industry, and discussed with him "problems of German-Manchukuo trade relations".—Reuter.

NEW SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMAT

Paris, To-day.
The new South African Minister to France presented his credentials to President Lebrun yesterday morning. He said that he was honoured at having been chosen at a time like this to represent the Union in France. His Government would do all in its power to ensure the final victory, on which the future of mankind depended.

President Lebrun replied that the assistance of South Africa to the Allied Cause would be as precious as it was 25 years ago.—Reuter.

51 KILLED BY RED BOMBS

London, To-day.
Fifty-one persons were killed in Finland yesterday by Soviet bombing raids directed against Suomussalmi and other civilian centres in eastern Finland.

Soviet raiders are apparently carrying on a campaign against steamers in the Gulf of Bothnia as three more Finnish steamers were attacked yesterday. Two were damaged but made port.—Reuter.

A number of fuse holders were stolen from the switchboard at the General Post Office Building yesterday.

JAP. DIPLOMATS MEET TO ANALYSE EUROPEAN SITUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
IT IS BELIEVED THAT the conference of Japanese diplomats in Europe, which is opening to-day in Budapest, will be concerned chiefly with formulating recommendations to the Cabinet of Admiral Yonai for co-ordinating Japanese policy in Europe and the Far East.

Particular attention is likely to be devoted to the situation arising from Soviet Russia's aggression in Finland and to the possible future developments in the war between the Allies and Germany.

One Japanese spokesman, in an interview, said that the strictest secrecy would be preserved regarding the results of the conference, and no statement of any kind would be issued at its conclusion.

It is reported as significant that Budapest has been chosen as the venue for the conference in view of the importance of Hungary in the relations between Germany and Italy.

All that is known for certain, however, is that the Japanese diplomats will exchange all the information available to them on political trends in the countries to which they are accredited and will draft an agreed report on the European situation as a whole for the edification of the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo.

WAR ON T.B. IN H.K.

Heavy Penalty For Indiscriminate Spitting

NOTEWORTHY RESULT OF CAMP EXPERIMENT

A DETERMINED CAMPAIGN against tuberculosis—including heavy fines for indiscriminate spitting, lectures and talks, posters, and stickers—was described to the Press this morning at a special conference by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, the Director of Medical Services.

At the Urban Council meeting on January 16, he revealed, the members unanimously supported him in his desire to introduce legislation affecting spitting. As a result, the Council has recommended to Government that Sec. 3 of the Summary Office Ordinance, No. 40, 1932, should be amended by the addition of the following:—

"Every person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$250 who, without lawful authority or excuse, spits in a public place except in a drain or water channel, or, in a public building or other buildings to which the public has access, spits except in a spittoon or lavatory."

This has also received the unanimous support of the District Watch Committee through the valuable efforts of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Sir Robert Kotewall.

As an indication of what can be done in this line, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke pointed out that only a few months ago it was impossible to walk around the North Point refugee camp without coming into contact with this disgusting habit.

"COURT OF JUSTICE"

To-day, one can walk around the camp freely and find nothing. This, he said, had been changed through simple regulations which had been put into effect and by the setting up of a "Court of Justice," composed of refugees and destitutes, who meted out fatigue duties to offenders. Those who had to spit were made to spit in the proper places. In another camp, the New Life Movement—which is based on the teachings of Sun Yat-sen and General Chiang Kai-shek and therefore severely frowns on promiscuous, public spitting—had been very useful in the same way.

MAIN PROBLEM

Turning his attention to the main problem of tuberculosis itself, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke revealed that there were 7,591 cases, with 4,443 deaths, last year as compared with 4,920 deaths the year before.

It is proposed to form an Anti-Tuberculosis Association in Hong Kong, he said, and among those who have agreed to help in its formation are Messrs. M. F. Key, W. Yinson Lee, Dr. Li Shu-pul, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Dr. F. I. Tseung, Mr. F. H. Tyson, Dean. Wilson and Mr. Benjamin Wylie.

The main objects of the association will be to educate the general public as to the dangers of disease and the means in which each person can help to prevent the disease and also recognise it; it will also try to secure the support of the general public in measures aimed at discovering and isolating cases.

HOUSING-SCHEMES

One of those who had indicated interest in the association, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke said, had suggested that apart from the general educational work, it might be useful if the association could undertake small housing-schemes.

Enlarging on this theme, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke said that a great deal of the trouble came from gross overcrowding and high rents. There were high rents, he understood, because a landlord, in order to get say 15 per cent. on his capital, let a 3-story house to a principal tenant for \$200. The principal tenant sub-let the rooms, making, in addition to the \$200 he paid the landlord, another \$300 for himself to live on.

It is suggested that the T.B. Association's housing scheme would am-

ploy a paid janitor instead of the principal tenant. This janitor would also look after the safety and cleanliness of the premises and provide certain necessary services—hot water, and so on—which principal tenants do not provide.

MAIN DIFFICULTY

The main difficulty in the scheme is the fact that most of the people living in the present over-crowded quarters earn so little money that it would not be easy to charge an economic rent without outside support.

One of the major problems confronting anti-tuberculosis schemes in the Colony, he continued, was the extremely limited accommodation for tubercular patients in the Government and the Chinese hospitals.

In 1938, the Technical Committee submitted a scheme for providing extra beds and this recommendation was considered by the Governor and submitted by him to the Secretary of State. If the Department of State agrees, the Government will then have to find the money to put the scheme through.

N. T. SANATORIUM

Asked about his own particular scheme for a sanatorium in the New Territories, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke admitted that the scheme was an expensive one, but he hoped that it might eventually be possible to raise funds for such a necessary and worthy purpose.

It would be necessary to have a hospital where cases too far gone could have rest, treatment and isolation, as well as a village where those who had a chance of recovery could do light work and so on. These village schemes worked very efficiently in England.

Sunday, he said, would be a special day devoted to anti-tubercular work in the churches of various denominations in the Colony, when special sermons will be preached. In addition, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke himself will deliver an address on the subject in one of the main Chinese churches.

SLOGAN COMPETITION

He then produced a draft of a special poster which is intended to draw the attention of the Chinese community to the various foods which can be purchased cheaply all the year round in Hong Kong and which, thanks to their high protein and calcium content, as well as Vitamins "A" and "B," help to build up resistance to the disease.

He asked the Press for suggestions as to a suitable slogan, on the lines of "Buy these cheap foods and help to resist tuberculosis." At the suggestion of the "China Mail" representative, it was decided to approach the editors of the various Chinese papers and enlist their support in running a competition for the best slogan, thus stimulating public interest from the start.

ANOTHER AGE GROUP CALLED UP

London, To-day.
The next batch of men to be called up for military service must register on February 17. The order applies to men over 23 years of age but not yet 24, and those who have reached 20 since the last batch was called up. It is expected that 250,000 men will be called up.—Reuter.

FREE CHINA EXPORTS TO U.S.

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.
EXPORTS FROM "FREE CHINA" TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1939 WERE HIGHER THAN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR 1938, IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The increase is said to be specially significant as most of China's foreign trade in 1939 was carried by overland routes as a result of Japan's blockade and occupation of the coastal ports.

The figures for 1939, it is stressed, do not include Free China's exports to Hong Kong and Haiphong, a large portion of which were later sent to the United States.—Reuter.

U.S. NAVY BUILDING MAY BE REDUCED

Washington, To-day.
The naval authorities announce that by limiting the financial authorizations recently granted under the naval expansion programme to ves-

NEW NAME FOR POCKET BATTLESHIP

Berlin, To-day.

The pocket-battleship Deutschland is to have her name changed!

She was last heard of in November when she was racing for home with a British cruiser in hot pursuit after her and another warship which had helped her sink the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi.

The German High Command announced yesterday that she will be renamed Luetzow because the name "Deutschland" is to be reserved for a bigger ship.

The present Luetzow will also be renamed.—Reuter.

SUMMER TIME AGAIN ADVANCED

London, To-day.

Summer Time comes into effect in Britain and France on January 25, being advanced in order to make full use of the daylight during the black-outs. Normally, it lasts from April 23 to early in October.

Sir John Anderson, Minister of Home Security, made the announcement in the House of Commons yesterday stating that the decision was reached after consultation with the French Government.—Reuter.

Mr. C. Litsanidi, residing at the European Y.M.C.A., has reported the theft of a gold tie pin valued at \$25 from his room yesterday.

sels which the Navy could build in two years, the sum of \$200,000,000 could be cut from the proposed \$800,000,000 Expansion Bill.—Reuter.

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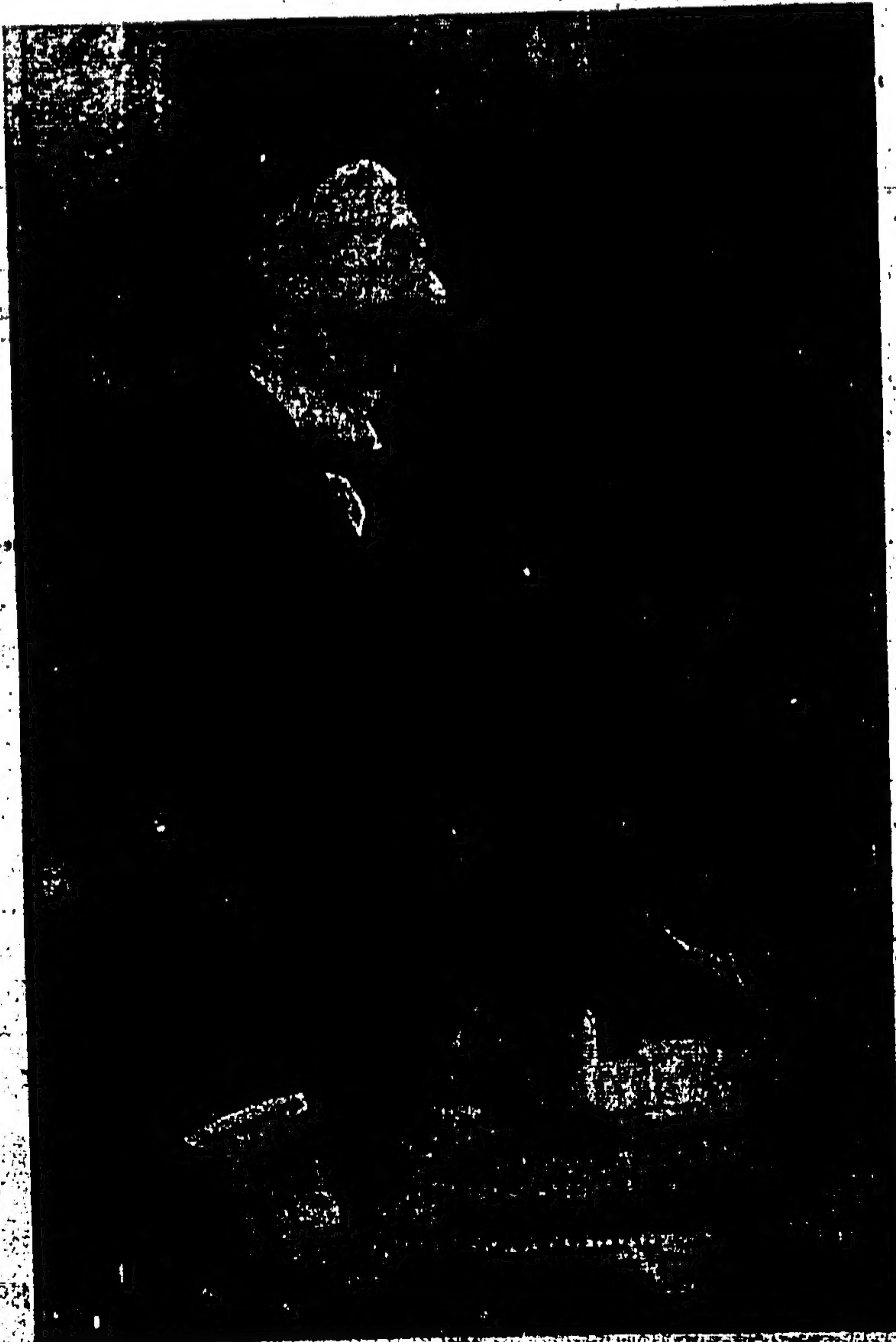
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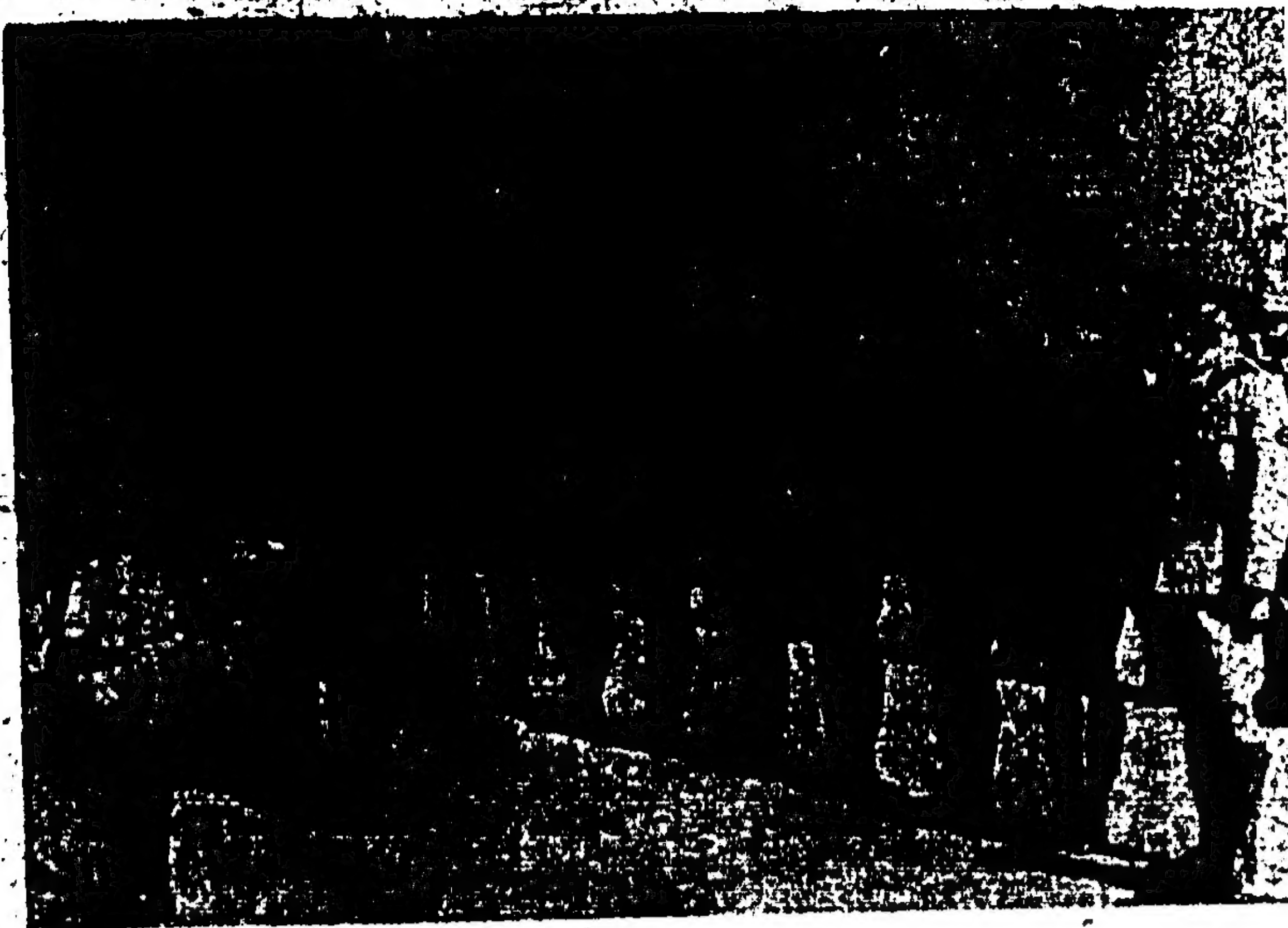
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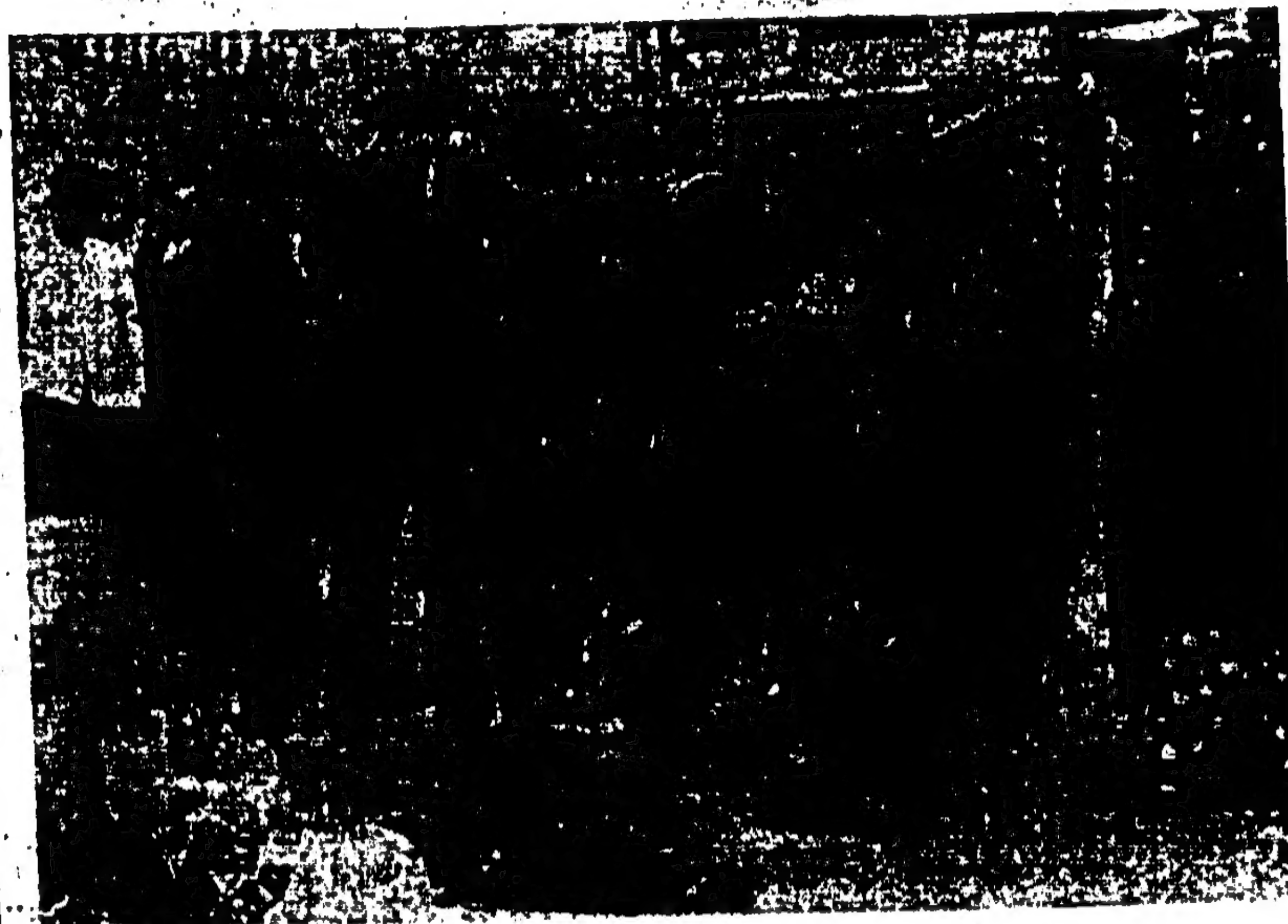
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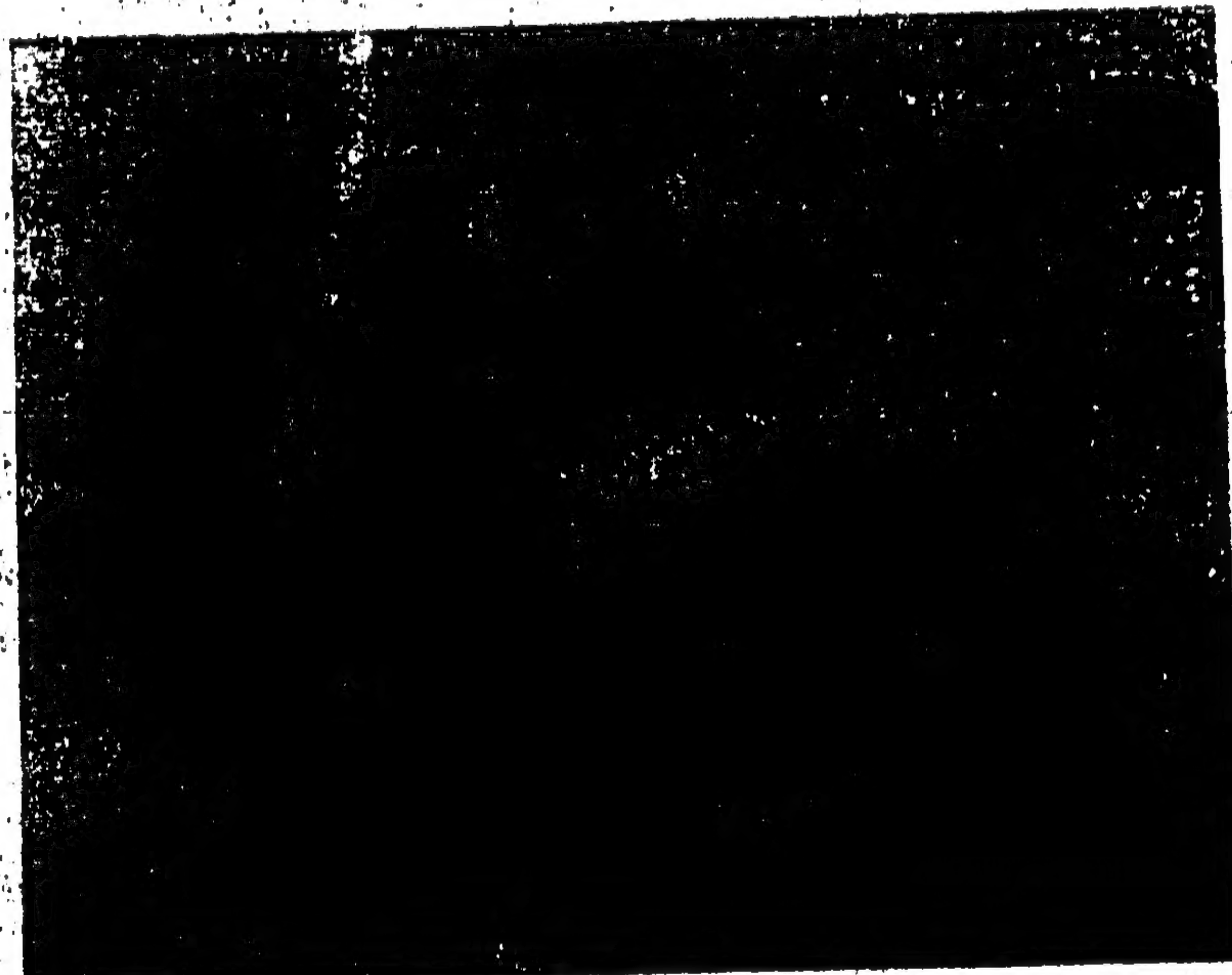
CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS AT MANSION HOUSE.—The Prime Minister at
the invitation of Mr. Lord Mayor of London addressed a meeting at the
Mansion House on January 25 on the subject of the "New Year's Eve"
celebrations. Photo shows Mr. Chamberlain making his speech. (Air Mail Copyright)



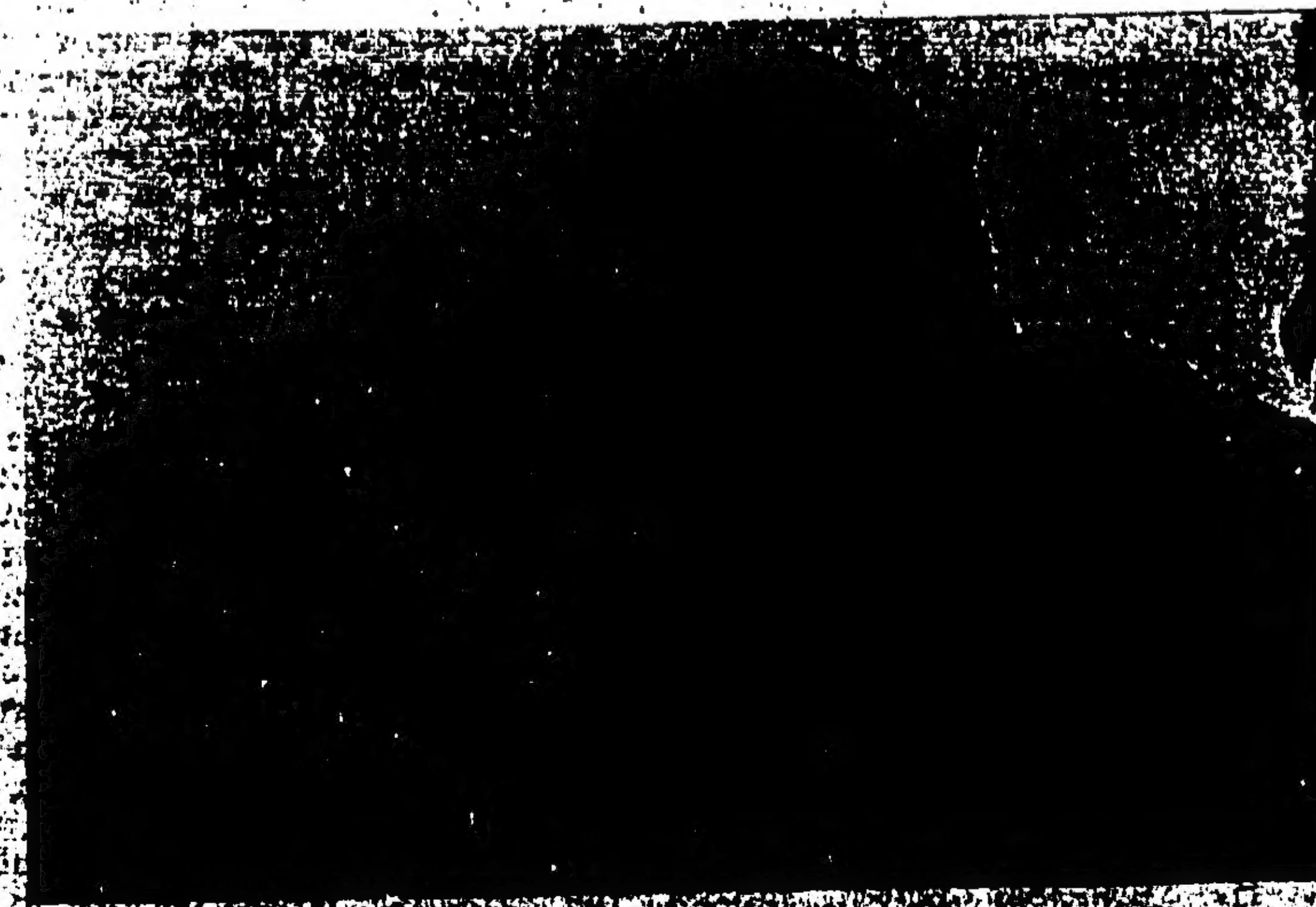
The Ralph Shield Competition. Inspection by Surgeon-Capt. Hobbs,
Major Harrison and Capt. D. Backley.



The Y.M.C.A. group at work on a "casualty" in the Ralph Shield
Competition at Causeway Bay on Saturday.



The Y.M.C.A. group, winners of the Ralph Shield, being inspected
at Causeway Bay.



The triumph of British submarine "Gannet" with her gallant com-
mander and crew. The "Gannet" was the submarine which
sunk the German U-boat which torpedoed the
British liner "Rangoon". (Copyright)

Long Struggle To Be Faced

FOREIGN PLANE OVER BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Brussels, To-day.
Anti-aircraft guns at Louvain opened fire yesterday at a foreign plane which flew over the district—Havas.

CLUB RUGBY TEAMS

Following are the Club Rugby teams for to-morrow at Sookunpoo: Club Interport XV v Rest of Colony Henderson; Bosanquet, Bidwell, Hutchison and Stewart, Charter and Thomson; Walkden, Salter, Wanklyn; B. Hynes, Needham; Godfrey, Taylor and Redman.

This is the full side except for Charter for Hutchison and Cessford for Charter. Salter's inclusion as hooker gives credence to the belief that he will be going North after all.

Club "A" v Army "A"
Thompson; Van Leeuwen, Carruthers, Morgan and Lavalley; Fay and Rutherford; Heasman, Dunnet, Stout; Bompas, Kennedy; Leigh, Castleton and Stoker.

AIM OF DESTROYING NAZISM

London, To-day.

In a speech to his constituents yesterday, Capt. W. H. Balfour, the Air Under-Secretary, expressed the opinion that the progress of the war would call for an increase in controls, and the restrictions to ease expenditure and consumption were directed in the direction most favourable to the war economy.

Speaking of the aim of destroying Nazism, Capt. Balfour said: "I believe that so long as the German people allow themselves to be dominated and ruled by their present leaders, then so long must we hold the German people to their share of responsibility for the war."

So long as this continues, we must fight for a peace which is going to prevent those two German characteristics—bullying domination or supine weakness—from being allowed to threaten world peace in the future."
—British Wireless.

NAZI SHIP SCUTTLED

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE STATED THERE WAS A QUIET DAY ON THE WHOLE, WITH SOME ARTILLERY ACTION.

The German freighter, Albert Janus (1,600 tons) was scuttled on being intercepted by a French patrol ship.

A U-boat was successfully attacked by another French patrol ship—Reuter.

EVERY SCRAP OF LAND MUST BE CONSCRIPTED FOR WAR, SAYS MR. LL. GEORGE

London, To-day.

"EVERY SCRAP OF LAND ought to be conscripted in the fight for freedom," declared Mr. Lloyd George in the course of yesterday's debate in the House of Commons on agriculture.

In the debate the Minister of Food, Mr. W. S. Morrison, justified the Government's policy in concentrating on the storage of wheat.

He stated that supplies of feeding stuffs for animals had now been raised to 66 per cent. of normal requirements.

Mr. Morrison added he did not think it reasonable to expect that the full pre-war supplies of feeding-stuffs could be maintained in wartime.

He urged the utmost economy in overseas feeding-stuffs.

LONG STRUGGLE

Mr. Lloyd George, declaring that British agriculture and the carrying capacity of British ships had largely declined compared with 1914, urged the Government to organise our resources on the assumption that it was going to be a very long struggle.

He added that if it was a short one we should gain by saving two or three years.—Reuter.

GERMANY DENIES AIR AID TO REDS

(SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Official German sources energetically deny rumours that Nazi airmen have been sent to help the Russians on the Finnish front.

Germany, these sources state, is and remains neutral in the Finnish-Russian conflict.

Meanwhile neutral observers arriving from Germany report that the Finnish war has produced an extremely painful impression on the German population.

Nazi political leaders rather welcomed the conflict and the subsequent Russian reverses, which made Moscow amenable to German demands, but the unjustifiable aggression committed by Germany's only ally has brought home to the German man-in-the-street the Reich's complete isolation.

The fact that Germany supported Finland's struggle for independence after the Great War has not been forgotten, and sympathy for the Finns is expressed so openly that the Nazi newspapers have been compelled to ridicule the "sissies who pity the Finns while events of world importance are taking place elsewhere."—Havas.

KING'S TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS

London, To-day.

After his visit to the Canadian Troops, the following Note authorised by the King has appeared in Divisional Orders: "His Majesty was pleased with what he saw. He was greatly impressed by the smartness of the troops, their excellent drill and their steadiness on parade."—British Wireless.

GAMBLERS RAIDED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

A Chinese woman was fined \$500 by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when charged with keeping a gambling establishment in Room No. 305, St. Francis Hotel, last night.

Nineteen others were charged with gambling on the premises.

The raid was conducted by Mr. Luscombe, A.S.P., and a party of Police officers. They found accused, Chan Suet-hing, and number of men and women playing dice. Most of the gamblers were clerks, brokers, students, and married women.

Four gamblers who appeared in Court were fined \$25 each, while the others had their bail of \$25 each estreated.

A sum of \$43.95 picked up in the raid was ordered to be placed in the "poor box."

Mr. Houston asked the defendant how much money she gained by running gambling schools every night.

Defendant asserted: "I only play for fun, and not for gaining money." It was alleged that defendant was a professional gambler.

Detective Inspector A. L. Hopkins prosecuted.

NAZIS ARE STARVING THEMSELVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REFERRING TO GERMAN ARGUMENTS THAT THE FOOD BLOCKADE WAS INHUMAN, MR. RONALD H. CROSS, MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC WARFARE, IN A RADIO ADDRESS SAID:

"I want to make it absolutely clear there need be no starvation in Germany no matter how long the war lasts."

"Germany has sufficient food, if the Nazis would use their plentiful foodstuffs to feed their people, not their guns."

"It is the Nazis, not we, who starve the German women and children."

Referring to the efficiency of the Allied blockade, Mr. Cross said that it must be judged not by the amount of merchandise seized but by the amount of German imports and exports which have not been cut off by fear of our control.

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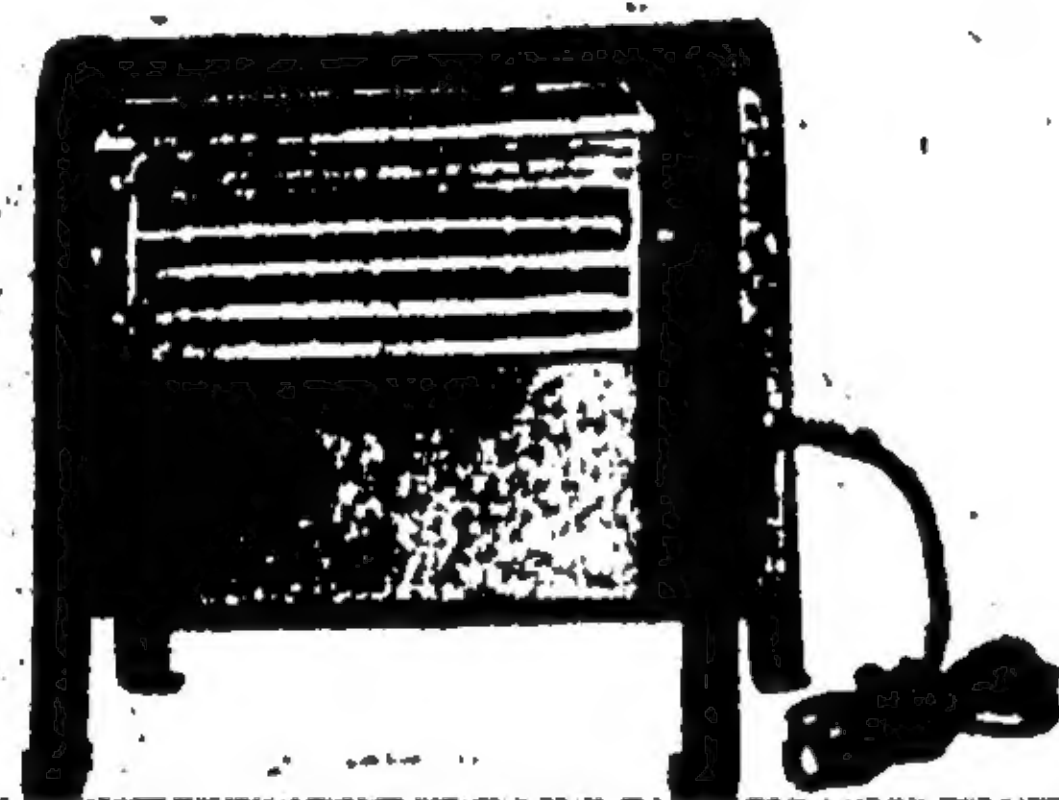
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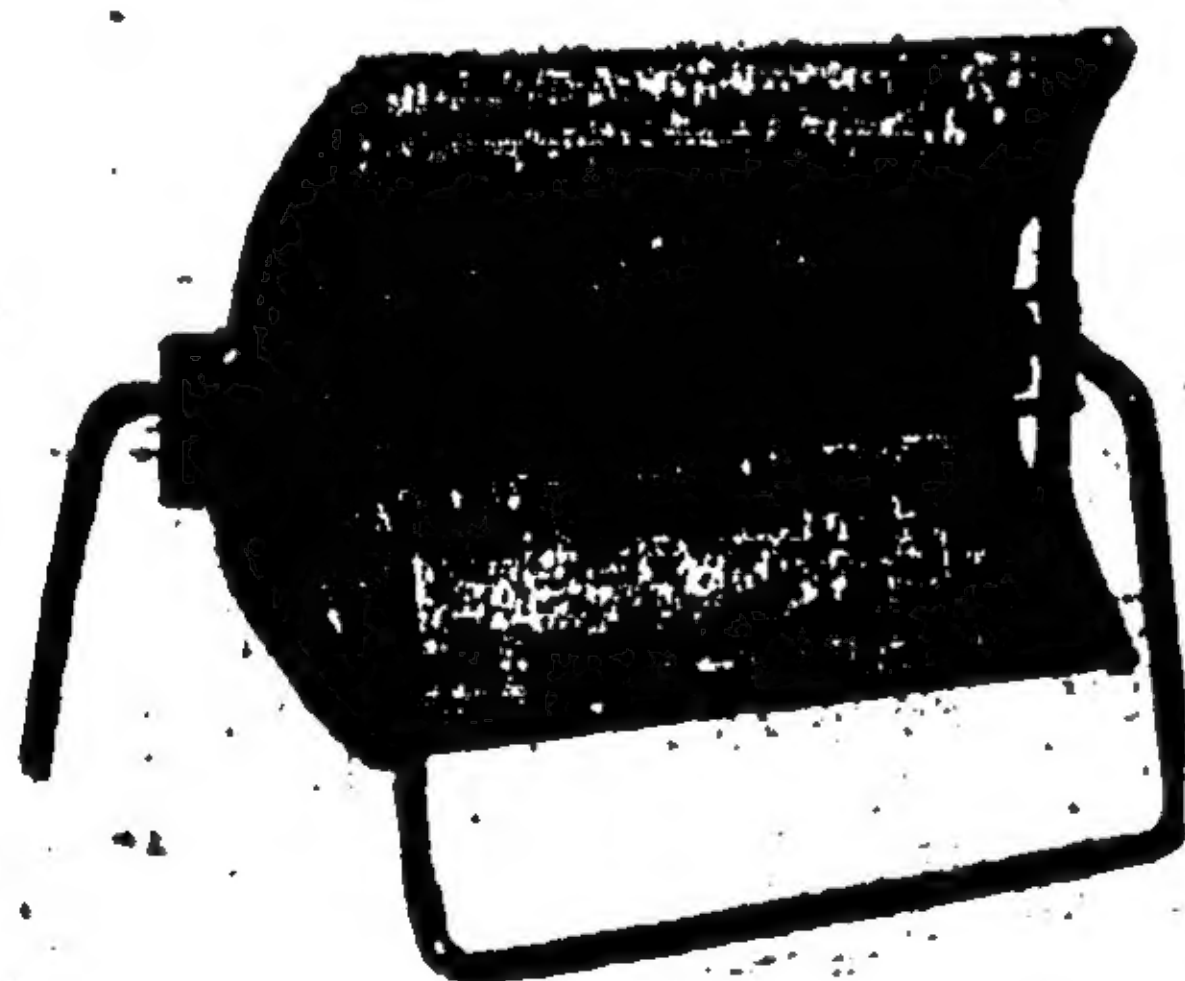
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

WAR OUTLOOK

We have certainly no reason for dissatisfaction with the measure of success that 1939 has given us. It has banished, for as far at any rate as one can see ahead, the horrible nightmare of a repetition of the slaughter of Ypres, Verdun, the Somme, and Paschendale in the last war. At sea we have certainly done better than in the same period of the last war, and if we can keep up the same proportion between the destruction of the U-boats and the losses of our merchant shipping, the future should have nothing worse in store for us than we are already suffering.

In spite of everything, British commerce is safer at sea to-day than neutral commerce, and safer than it was when Nelson was winning his magnificent victories. The doubts that assail one are not about our ultimate victory, but about when it will come. One supposition was that Germany could not stand a long war, and that there might be an internal German revolution. But although there is plenty of evidence of discontent among the German people, there is no sign of its coming to a head; nor, unless the quarrel between Hitler and the General Staff develops seriously, is there much prospect of any early success in a German revolution. It is because it promises to deepen that rift between the Government and the army that the magnificent resistance of the Finns has not only moved the world to admiration, but has opened up a new prospect of an earlier end to the war than by the slow operations of blockade.—"Sunday Times."

NAZISM AT SEA

If anything were needed to confirm the Allies' conviction that the spirit of Nazism in the ascendant, in Germany or elsewhere, is incompatible, with the cause of liberty and justice for all mankind, the German conduct of the war at sea would fully suffice. The destruction of the liner Dunbar Castle may be no more than the latest example of the result of a policy of indiscriminate and unnotified strewing of mines on the high seas, careless of the consequences to the non-combatant passengers and crews of ships using them. But the enormity even of that method of war—

BRITISH PUBLICITY

The basic philosophy of British propaganda is "Leave it to Germany. Give her all the rope she wants. She'll win the war for us on the propaganda front." The technique employed by Sir Gilbert Parker and his bright young men in the last war is conspicuously absent; there was no evident desire to force any crumb of information on reporters.

During the World War many of England's cleverest writers went directly into the Ministry of Information, where they covered vast amounts of white paper with stories on every phase of Britain's war activity and sent them broadcast. To-day there is a commendable desire for understatement and direct policy of allowing journalists themselves to tell the story. Unfortunately for this policy, there is a babel of strange and contradictory tongues in the situation and no good song ringing clear.—Beesie Benty.

his reach. So far as there is any calculation behind these brutalities, it is that of the bully, bent upon terrorizing his opponents, in the belief that they will thereby be reduced to submission; for the killing of a few fishermen, or the sinking of their boats, could have no possible material effect upon the outcome of the war. That the German command could adopt such practices, and the German Government impose them, are quite another matter, to produce the very opposite

effect upon a free people. It demonstrates more forcibly than could anything else how disastrous for the world such submission would be. So far from being terrorised, neither the fishermen, nor the lightship crews, nor the merchant seamen, have been or will be deterred from carrying on their duty by the knowledge that they are liable to be murdered by Nazi sea or air forces which, evading our own, are able to strike at them. And, for the nation at large, their determination to carry through the war until the hateful spirit of Nazism is mastered will only be strengthened.—"The Times."

THE CHAMBERLAIN GOVERNMENT

There is a fairly general feeling that changes are needed both in the men who form the Government, and in the offices they hold. The Opposition are, of course, permanently of this mind. But the same opinion is very widely held even among those who recognise that the Government must be drawn from the Conservative Party and that Mr. Chamberlain is the best leader of the Conservative Party and the Government who is visible on the horizon of practical politics. Among the men, there are too many who hold office merely because of electoral services rendered long ago and not because of any personal qualities or any popular support they now enjoy. And as for the structure of the Government, there is growing dissatisfaction (nowhere stronger than inside Government offices) with the existing curious hybrid between a peacetime Cabinet and a real War Cabinet. The present system ensures that some departments (the five whose heads sit in the War Cabinet) get their way while the rest are unrepresented.

It does not ensure a balanced co-ordination. It does not lend itself to the forging of policies.

It is the essence of the theory of democracy that the executive Government is a flexible instrument of the national will and purpose, deriving its strength from popular support and repaying the people in statesmanlike leadership. We have had more following than leading from our Government for years past. In his speech at the Mansion House, the Prime Minister admitted that his Government had failed to enlighten the public on the

nature of their duty in totalitarian war and sought to excuse himself on the plea that he had had other things to attend to. Perhaps it is a measure of Mr. Chamberlain's failure, in spite of all his admirable qualities, to reach the heights of a wartime leader that he thinks other things more important than his duty to guide the public on the high-road of strategy in a people's war. The Mansion House speech was charged with vigour and resolution; it contained many things that should have been said four months ago. It struck the necessary note in calling for sacrifices from the people.

But the citizen is still left in some doubt whether the Government, seeing the necessity for painful sacrifices, has the strength of will to shoulder its responsibility of imposing them. The Government has lost (in Mr. Hiro-Eshima) one of the very few Ministers who have given proof of political courage. Is the remaining supply of this rare commodity adequate for times of war? "The Economist."

"Sword Of Damocles Poised Over Tokyo"

NEW CHAPTER IN FAR EAST OPENS

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
DESPITE THE TROUBLES ATTENDANT ON THE FINNISH LOAN AND THE DIFFICULTIES WITH BRITAIN, WASHINGTON IS KEEPING THE FAR EAST WELL IN MIND.

The impression that the Administration means business seems to be confirmed by the comment of the Washington Post, referring to the expiry to-day (Friday) of the American-Japanese Treaty of Commerce.

The journal says: "On January 26 a new and significant chapter in Japanese-American relations will be ushered in."

RICE BUS MISSION OF MERCY IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
A "RICE BUS" OF THE SALVATION ARMY IS TOURING THE POOREST DISTRICTS OF THE CITY FEEDING BEGGARS WHOSE PLIGHT IS MOST PITIFUL ESPECIALLY SINCE THE COLD SPELL OF THE LAST FEW DAYS.

The bus usually stops at the openings of lanes after which "advance scouts" go through the lanes afoot to give food tickets to every bonafide beggar shivering on the pavement.

Workers carrying rice follow and distribute the rice only to those with a ticket.

The measure aims to secure that only genuine beggars get food since, among the hundreds who swarm around and rush towards the bus are many comparatively well-to-do Chinese who have just finished their evening meal.

Donations are pouring into the Salvation Army for this work. — Havas.

PLANE OVER THAMES ESTUARY

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A PLANE, BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN, APPEARED HIGH OVER THE THAMES ESTUARY YESTERDAY AND WAS DRIVEN OFF BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE.

It climbed out of sight, leaving a trail of smoke behind it.

An Aberdeen fishing trawler which put into port yesterday reported that a Heinkel bomber dropped two bombs near it off the northern coast of Scotland on Wednesday. No hits, no damage. — Reuter.

Official Denial

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry last night announced: "Reports that anti-aircraft guns were in action along the Thames Estuary at about noon to-day are inaccurate. There were no enemy aircraft in the area. Smoke trails in the sky may have been caused by R.A.F. patrols." — British Wireless.

R.A.F. CONTINGENT REACHES CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.

Seventy officers and 200 men of the Royal Air Force have arrived in Canada to help in the Empire air training scheme. — Reuter.

"For more than eight years the Japanese have repeatedly manifested a complete disregard of American rights and interests in China."

"The State Department has protested against a long and humiliating series of unfriendly actions, but the protests have been wholly ineffective."

The newspaper points out that the way is now open for the stoppage of the supply of basic war materials for Japan, in accordance with widespread popular demand.

SWORD OF DAMOCLES

It adds: "No-one knows better than the Japanese how seriously they would be injured by legislative interference with trade."

"Whether retaliatory measures will be taken against Japan depends largely on Japan's conduct in the Far East."

"The sword of Damocles is obviously poised over Tokyo."

Disquiet Revealed in Tokyo

Tokyo, To-day.

An undercurrent of disquiet is revealed in Japanese press comment on the expiry to-day of the Commercial Treaty between Japan and the United States.

Relations enter upon a stage of great difficulty, says the "Asahi Shimbun," which adds that diplomatic relations have been rendered unstable by recent developments.

The hope is expressed that a new treaty will be negotiated at an early date.

The "Asahi Shimbun" goes on to connect the present attitude of the United States with the stopping of the Asama Maru by a British cruiser, and says that Britain has been emboldened by the stiff American policy.

It alleges that the United States is giving covert support to Britain in the Far East. — Our Own Correspondent.

Taken Calmly in U.S.

Expiration of the treaty is taken calmly here, and the general attitude is that any move to convert trade relations between the two countries from the transitory basis which begins on Saturday morning must come from Tokyo.

Following the trenchant words in the "Washington Post" yesterday morning, the "Evening Star" last night spoke in the same forthright manner.

JAPAN MUST CHANGE

It declared: "The Mikado's Government has long been aware what it must do to make the United States once more treaty-minded. Japan must pledge herself to mend her ways in China and be judged in Washington by her works and not by her words."

The writer concludes that Jan. 26 is the turning point in Japanese-American relations, but that there is no longer room for doubt that beneficial results can only follow a fundamental change of heart and policy in Japan. — Reuter.

REXIST PLOT FOR NAZIS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

It is reported that the authorities have uncovered a grave affair connected with the "national defence and security of the State," in which Rexists (Belgian Nazis) and sympathisers are involved.

The police have questioned several persons and arrests are expected. — Havas.

WANG PLAN FOR NEW "PUPPET"

TSINGTAO, TO-DAY.

THE NEW "CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA," WHEN FORMED, WOULD "ADOPT" THE CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S REGIME TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE IN OBTAINING RECOGNITION, STATED WANG CHING-WEI IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS AT THE

HOLLAND WILL RESIST

Amsterdam, To-day.

The determination of the Netherlands to adhere to strict neutrality was expressed in the First Chamber by the Foreign Minister yesterday.

Whoever takes up arms against the Netherlands, he said, will be met by armed forces. Military precautions were necessary when foreign forces were near the frontier and the country took these on all sides.

He deplored the light-hearted way in which possible attacks on neutrals were discussed, because this deadened moral values.

Hopes that the League of Nations might take on a new life were not yet exhausted, he said. There was no moral or juridical obligation on members as neutrals to take part in war. — Reuter.

TSINGTAO PUPPET CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

Wang stated: "There are two courses open to us."

"The first is to form an entirely new constitution, which would be in the nature of a revolution but which we shall not do."

"If we overthrow the present system we will have trouble. We must adopt and change it slightly and remedy its weak points." — Reuter.



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ATROCITIES IN POLAND

Polish Guerillas Active Through Country

GERMAN VERSION OF SITUATION

London, To-day.

CONFIRMATION OF PART of the Vatican City broadcasts of German atrocities in Poland is contained in an account given to a neutral journalist in Berlin by one of two non-military people allowed to travel through the area since the war began.

He spoke of the wide-spread devastation and said that most of the crops were left untouched. Farms were abandoned, "because their owners have disappeared."

In the hope of improving matters, the Nazis are enforcing compulsory labour on Poles and Jews.

The attitude of the Poles is indicated in an article appearing in the official Nazi organ, "Voelkische Beobachter," which, in reporting that 53 bridges have been repaired by German troops, says that the workers were molested by Polish guerillas, who were shot.

Workers repairing communications, continues the paper, must also fight the element of sabotage. Many villages "had to be burnt down" because Polish snipers fired from them on German troops.

Warsaw, which was three-quarters damaged in the siege, is not expected to be re-built. — Reuter.

Children Shot By The Germans

London, To-day.

The stories to which British newspapers have given considerable prominence in the last few days of the ruthless methods of Nazi representatives with German Forces occupying Poland throw a somewhat lurid light upon to-day's anniversary of the signature of the German Polish Agreement in 1934.

These stories, most of which emanate from Vatican sources, would appear to have created as great an impression in the United States and other countries as in Britain.

An editorial in the "New York Times" says: "It seems clear by now that Germany is trying exterminate the whole people of Poland which is apparently to be Germany's lebensraum. Its inhabitants are to be liquidated to make room for Nazi colonists."

HITLER SPEECHES

This verdict by a great neutral newspaper recalls by violence of contrast, the words used by Herr Hitler in the Reichstag in May, 1933: "Our boundless love for and loyalty to our national traditions makes us understand the national rights of others and desire from the bottom of our hearts to live with them in peace and friendship. We, therefore, have no use for the idea of Germanisation. The mentality of the past century which made our rulers believe they could make Germans out of Poles and Frenchmen is completely foreign to us."

A year later, in June, 1934, again in the Reichstag, the German Chancellor said: "Germans and Poles will have to learn to accept the fact of each other's existence. Hence it is more sensible to regulate this state of affairs which the last one thousand years has not been able to remove and the next one thousand years will not remove either, in such a way that the highest possible profit will accrue from it for both nations. Whatever difference between the two countries in future may be, the catastrophic effects of an attempt to remove them through warlike actions would far outweigh any possible advantage gained."

WISE WORDS—FORGOTTEN

Those were wise words which although they have been forgotten by Herr Hitler have not been forgotten elsewhere.

Other speeches of Hitler's are also recalled, in which he gave pledges to German-Polish friendship.

In January 1937, in the Reichstag, he declared: "True statesmanship will not disregard realities but give them attention. The Polish people and the Polish State have become a reality."

And as late as September, 1938, in the Sportpalast: "We realise that here are two peoples which must live side by side. A State with a population of 33,000,000 will always seek access to the sea. The way to understanding had, therefore, to be found. It has been found and it will be continuously further developed."

PREMIER'S STATEMENT

But the way of understanding which he so often and so frequently proclaimed was abandoned by Hitler. He chose another way. It is a sufficient commentary on that other way that on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the German-Polish agreement, the Prime Minister had to reply affirmatively in the Commons when asked if his attention had been called to the shooting of children in Poland by Germans.

Mr. Chamberlain said: "The report of the execution of 136 students, some of whom are said to have been as young as 12 or 13 years old, was contained in a Memorandum on the conditions in German-occupied Poland communicated by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's Ambassador at Angers. — British Wireless.

RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH

London, To-day.

On two occasions on Wednesday, British government officials emphasized that the right of free speech would be maintained in Britain.

Replying to a motion in the House of Lords, the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava made it plain that newsreels in cinemas are entitled to express opinions just as newspapers were and will not be subjected to compulsory censorship during war-time.

The other statement was by Sir Walter Monckton, who, speaking on the principles guiding his work, said that one of his department's main efforts was to preserve the freedom of individual men and women to speak the truth as they see it. — Reuter.

ARSENAL WIN SOUTH "A" TITLE

London, To-day.

Arsenal are now assured of the championship of the "South A" Division of the Football League following their victory over the Spurs yesterday.

Arsenal won by the only goal of the match. — Reuter.

ITALY'S THANKS TO FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Guariglio, yesterday visited the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, M. Auguste Champetier de Ribes, and thanked him for the help the French Navy extended in saving the crew and passengers of the Italian liner Orazio. — Havas.

PAWNED PROPERTY OF CLIENTS

CHO KWONG-WO, 25, TAILOR, WAS BEFORE MR. T. J. HOUSTON THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL PAWNING OF A FUR-COAT AND 12 PIECES OF CLOTH.

Det. Sergt. Brooks said the property which defendant pawned belonged to six different persons.

Defendant was master of a small shop in Bonham Road. The cloth

ELEVEN 'RIOTERS' DISCHARGED

ELEVEN OF THE 37 INTERNEES CHARGED WITH BEHAVING RIOTOUSLY IN THE ARGYLE STREET CAMP ON JANUARY 13, WERE DISCHARGED THIS MORNING BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROSECUTION, WHO SAID THAT NO DIRECT EVIDENCE COULD BE PRODUCED AGAINST THEM.

The remainder were further charged with resisting the police, and were remanded until next Monday when the case will be opened for hearing.

It is stated that some 50 police officers, will give evidence.

All accused pleaded not guilty to the charges against them.

It is understood that others, at present in the Kowloon Hospital or the Camp hospital, will be charged in future, separately.

and fur coat were pawned for \$93.78, which defendant spent on his rent and the wages of his foks.

A sum of \$38.40 found in defendant's possessions was ordered to be divided among complainants, and he was ordered to pay another \$52 compensation or serve two months' hard labour.

GERMAN TROOPS IN GALICIAN AREA OF POLAND

London, To-day.

The position of the German troops in Eastern Galicia (in Soviet-occupied Poland) was discussed in a broadcast last night by Mr. F. A. Voigt, the well-known journalist and author.

He doubted if there were more than half a division of German troops in the area—but it was interesting that they should be there at all!

They must have arrived with the consent of the Soviet Government and would certainly work with the co-operation of the local Soviet authorities.

They were actually near the Rumanian border, although it is suggested that they are there to guard the railway which runs through Galicia from Rumania to Germany.

The Germans need the railway for the transport of certain supplies — oil, food, timber, etc. Normally, these supplies come by two routes — the Hungarian railways and the Danube. The latter is important, for oil can be shipped in bulk by means of tankers direct to Germany.

But part of the Danube tanker fleet has been bought by the Allies, and the Danube itself is frozen over.

Although the Hungarian railways are exposed to Nazi pressure, the Nazis could not run them as their own, and, therefore, it is possible Germany wants to run the Polish railway as an additional line for her own use.

YIELD POOR

It had been suggested that the Germans were in Eastern Galicia to guard the oil-fields, so that Germany could get the whole output. Mr. Voigt felt that this was possible, but he pointed out that the yield was a poor one.

He had also heard it suggested that the Russians were giving the Germans the railway, and the oil in return for help in the war against Finland. This, he felt, was doubtful, although it was true that the Germans wanted to see Russia win and had sent engineers some time ago to study the Soviet defence. — Reuter.

FRENCH CONTRABAND SEIZURES

Paris, To-day.

French naval units on blockade duty intercepted nine vessels and seized 15,600 tons of merchandise in the week ended Jan. 20.

This makes the total ships intercepted by the French Navy since the start of the war 254, and the amount of merchandise seized 480,500 tons. — Reuter.

NEW U.S. ASSISTANT NAVY SECRETARY

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Louis Compton to be Assistant Secretary of Navy in succession to Mr. Charles Edison, who was appointed Secretary of Navy last month.

Mr. Compton was special assistant to Mr. Edison when the latter was Assistant Navy Secretary. — Reuter.

News Snack Bar

HOW OUR SHIPS COME HOME

IF YOU FIND IT difficult to cross a road in a black-out, with a torch in your hand and a pavement to keep on, try crossing the Atlantic some time in convoy.

Put your mast headlights and sidelights out, so that the other fellow doesn't even know that your 12,000 tons of dead weight is lumbering its way towards him through the pitch dark.

Try, too, to imagine that within half a mile of you ahead and astern, and some hundred yards on either side of you, are other big ocean tramps, ploughing their way monotonously over the top of the Western Ocean rollers.



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"Mustard Gas Is Humane"

Mustard gas is the most humane of modern weapons, Dr. Charles C. Dennie told the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology in Philadelphia, says British United Press.

Hardier Than Your Car

British railway companies have placed orders for 300 new engines, all of which will be delivered this year.

We say: These engines should last till 1970, for the average "life" of a passenger engine is thirty years. And by that time replacements have been so numerous that there is little of the original engine left.

P.O. On Track of Secret Radio

Post Office experts expect to trace quickly a secret station which has been broadcasting "don't fight" propaganda.

"Action will be taken whether the transmitter is illicit or whether it is licensed," an official said yesterday. "A licence is issued only for research purposes."

Successful prosecution would mean the cancelling of the licence and the dismantling of the station. It was found that the transmitter was working under licence.

We say: A transmitting licence is issued only on condition that the station is not used for the broadcast of social or political propaganda.

They've always said, those who win their living on deep waters. "Who wouldn't sell a farm and go to sea?" These days they find it even tougher and say it even more ironically.

Yet somebody has to bring home the wheat and the tea and the sugar and the frozen meat from the far-flung corners of the earth. Somebody has to run the blockade organised by a people who—to give 'em their due—are chockful of organising ability.

And the boys of the Merchant Navy are just the men to do it.

Never yet have I met a seaman—or an engineer or a steward—who, after a gruelling experience of being torpedoed once, twice, thrice, has ever dreamed of "swallowing the anchor." their picturesque phrase for giving up the sea.

SENSE OF SECURITY

Last time I was with a crew who, torpedoed off Point Lynas, where the Thetis went down, came back to Liverpool in a P-boat and sailed again a couple of days later. Why not? Probably you won't be unlucky twice running. (We were, as a matter of fact—we shipped a "tin fish" in 18 degrees West, where the rollers come in heavily and it's cold in the lifeboats).

Being in a convoy gives a man a sense of security. But one of the most nerve-racking jobs for a ship's officer is to be in charge on the bridge on a dark night steering to a prearranged course, yet entirely surrounded by other ships—none with a light showing anywhere. Even lighting a cigarette on deck is strictly forbidden, which is doing those lighters which don't show a flame quite a lot of good!

Inside the wheelhouse the quartermaster is steering by compass and it is the officer's worry to see he is not approaching too closely to the ship ahead or deviating sufficiently to hit the ship on either side.

At night, everything looks different. It is almost impossible to tell how far away from you the fellow ahead may be. And all the time you are talking down the engine-room speaking-tube "Put her up three revs, Mac." or "Slacken her down fifteen."

When you get torpedoed, you always hope it's daytime, for it makes it a lot easier.



The staff of the Ministry of Health, numbering about 3,000 on January 4 began their much discussed move from Acton, London, to their new quarters in North West England. Photo shows Ministry of Health girls, wearing the new Balalaclava hat fashion, all smiles as they left London. (Air Mail. Copyright).

Torpedoed in convoy? Well, why shouldn't that happen sometimes? The destroyers can't be everywhere at once. What they are really there for is to do their best to see that that particular U-boat doesn't get a chance to do it again, and to pick up survivors as soon as the hail of shot and depth charge is over.

That big ugly tramp way out on the starboard quarter suddenly lets out six yelps with her siren. That means she's been hit. She starts to heel over almost immediately, and you can see her crew scrambling into the lifeboats quickly, for seawater on hot boilers usually means a pretty hefty explosion.

DROPPING THE "EGGS"

The convoy scatters quickly, presenting their sterns to the quarters from which the torpedo came, so as to give little broadside aim for another one as possible. The destroyers dash over to the starboard quarter and there is a rapid hail of shell fire punctuated by the boom of depth charges

as they drop the "eggs" in rapid succession.

It is too far on the horizon to see exactly what is happening, but the ships in the rear of the convoy probably do a bit of blazing away on their own at anything they have seen which resembled the conning tower of a submarine. (Sometimes it may be confessed, they blaze away when they haven't seen anything, just because gunners standing by a merchant ship's guns for days on end occasionally get a little bored! And just you try to get 'em to confess to that!)

A quarter of an hour later the convoy reforms, the escort ships get back into position and a morse message flashes round the ships. "Steamer Blank sunk by torpedo. We have picked up all the crew. Submarine believed sunk."

A LETTER TO ADA

And the convoy goes on its appointed way, steadily ploughing onwards, while every apprentice left goes down below and adds a few lines to a letter he has been writing all the trip back. "Dear Ada," it goes, "We sank a submarine this morning with the new gun they fitted on our poop at Gibraltar. I hope to get some leave when we get back and will come to see you as soon as I can."

While the men on the big ugly tramp—who will probably have been transferred to one of the convoy ships, because quarters on a destroyer are crowded and uncomfortable, and food a little short if you suddenly add 30 or 40 men to the personnel—will wonder what's going to happen about the gear they have lost when their ship went down.

They wonder if the Admiralty is going to restore the torpedo badge which was given to every seaman sunk by enemy action during the last war with an added bar for every subsequent sinking some of them began to look like a multi-score. And they wonder if the compensation will be enough to cover the cost of the gear they have lost.



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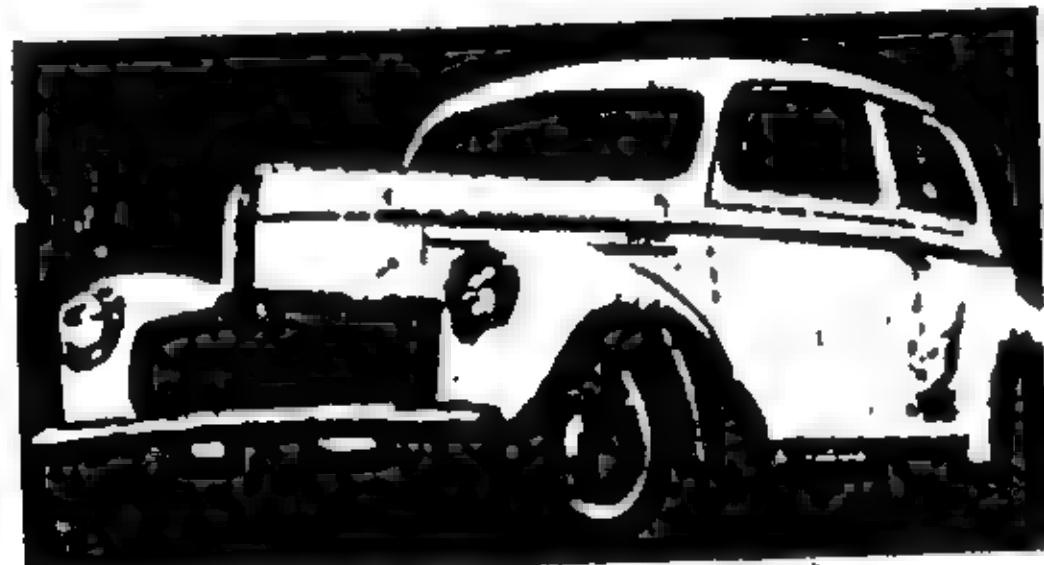
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SHORT STORY

WHAT'S SPEAKING

By Douglas Newton

MICHAEL HARDER saw her in the foyer of the Pelican Theatre. She was pretty, of course, even if Constance Bennett had nothing to fear from her. But just good looks did not matter. There was that about her—an air, a savor, a jolliness—that made the eternal expectation that was in him—as in every man—sit up and look twice.

He looked twice—and repeated. He knew he had made the find of finds; just that one girl that was, for him, the entirely different girl from all other girls. If he'd lived in his mother's youth he'd have called it love at first sight . . . something to smile at these days; all the same, as most men and every woman knows, it's still the love that counts most.

Michael had meant to go straight to his Dress Circle seat. He saw her and couldn't. He had to make excuses for hanging about, had to put on a cigarette, had to pretend to be waiting for some one—as she was . . . any old thing so that he could look at her. And then he had to bolt because she looked at him.

She could not help noticing his concentrated stare. She wasn't angry or haughty; perhaps, even, her eyes twinkled a little at his spellbound interest. Yet she was embarrassed. So he went. She was such a nice girl that no decent fellow could act cheaply towards her.

This destiny stuff, however, plays queer tricks. Having shown Michael the girl . . . well, there she was two rows ahead of him when the curtain came down on the first act. He could see her profile perfectly, and for the rest of the play he saw little else . . . That profile with the light from the stage playing over it, was quite the most entrancing thing Michael had seen in twenty-four years. Michael was twenty-four years one month old at the moment. He stared and stared at that profile like a man who had found a knot hole in the fence round paradise.

Only it wasn't all rapture—she had a man with her now. A big, lively, handsome fellow. And she laughed and talked with him so wholeheartedly that she hadn't even a mind to look round towards Michael. Michael began to fear the worst.

His fears were right—though this Destiny stuff went on working. He hung about in the foyer after the play because he simply had to see as much of her as he could while he could. For the same reason he followed the pair through the streets to their railway station. But not all love—that. They went to his station. What is more they went home by his train. Destiny always does make a thorough job of it.

Yet as he followed them Michael's wretchedness grew. First she tucked her arm into her companion's. One of those affectionate, lean-towards-you little gestures that mean the closest of intimacy. He groaned in his heart. That could only mean they were engaged.

He was wrong. They were worse. They had to wait in a little crowd outside their platform until the barrier was opened. Michael used that opportunity to draw so close that he could almost touch her, certainly hear her speak. And what he heard her say was:

"Oh, Billy! . . . I've just had a ghastly quarrel . . . I believe I left the gas on in the kitchen stove!"

And the man Billy answered testily: "You are the limit, Joyce. Your gas bills will ruin me."

That was final for Michael. All hope was gone. Couples who share kitchen stoves and gas bills are so inevitably married.

He followed them onto the platform with a dead heart. At the barrier the girl turned, saw him—recognised him. No mistake about it. He saw the spark come to her eyes, saw her quick blush before she turned and went on. Then, to show her that she had nothing to fear from a decent chap, he chose a rear carriage, letting her and her husband go well forward.

But he could not stop himself taking a window seat in the hope of seeing her again should she get out be-

fore his station. And she did. At Galt Green, the new housing-scheme suburb called Honeymoon Halt by the ribald, she and Billy left the train. Indeed, as she and her husband walked towards the exit Michael caught her eyes, and for a moment they did not seem able to tear their glances apart.

The train went on and Michael groaned. He groaned all the way to his station, Minton Park, four more on. He groaned through the night. If he'd only met her before Billy . . . It was a tragedy. For it grew plainer every moment that she was the only girl who would ever count . . . In fact, it grew even plainer during the month or so that followed.

He'd never paid any attention to Galt Green up to this . . . It was rather an inconspicuous, back-end sort of place. But now he was careful to get a window seat and, as he approached the station, stopped reading his paper to stare out . . . And so he saw Joyce again.

She was standing behind the railing beyond the platform. She had come, as she had probably come every morning before, only he hadn't noticed, to see Billy off with a true, newly-wed devotion. She was standing there, not twenty feet away, waving "Good-bye!" Michael did not know if she recognised him, whether the ten second glance that the movement of the train allowed meant anything. Sometimes, as the days went on, he thought it did, most times, he convinced himself it didn't. How could it? She was so definitely a nice girl, not that sort of wife at all.

Still, all he really knew about it was that for ever after he must take a seat that enabled him to look at Galt Green—and Joyce. That he cursed rainy days when she didn't come. That somehow just that fleeting sight of her each morning seemed to fill his day with fragrance.

Sometimes he saw Billy, the husband, waiting on the platform, but most days the chap found a carriage well forward, for which Michael was profoundly thankful. He didn't hate Billy, but he couldn't have borne his company—above all he did not want any excuse to get to know him. He loved the chap's wife—he admitted it. He'd never love another girl like that—but he wasn't a home-breaking cad. It was enough for him to love at a distance without trying to mess up her and Billy's lives.

So he might have continued, only Fate never will leave well alone.

A couple of months later at a meeting of his own, The Minton Park Branch of The Concentric Club, Michael was chosen as one of the delegates to their big Southern Counties Conference at Brynmouth. And one of the first people he saw at the Mayor's reception of the Concentrics was Joyce's husband—Billy.

Unlike Michael, Billy was plainly anything but new to these Conferences. He seemed well-known and popular—even, to Michael's mind, a little too popular; for many of the delegates had brought their wives and daughters to enjoy the week's junketing at the well-known holiday town.

A man told Michael who Billy was. "That's Billy Condon," he said. "A real live wire—he'll be our Grand Master one of these days. A good sort, too, everybody likes him."

Michael didn't mind everybody liking the chap, what struck him as wrong was that Rita Marvin, the daughter of old Sir Silas Marvin, that year's Grand Master, seemed to do rather more. Worse, Billy Condon seemed to encourage her rather than try to check her as a married man should. Indeed, they seemed to carry on such a marked flirtation that Michael could scarcely take his eyes off them; so much so that when they drifted together after a dispirited Billy Condon turned to Michael and said breezily:

"You know, I seem to know your face, too. Have we met anywhere?"

"Only on the train," Michael told him stiffly. "I come from Minton Park. I've seen you get in at Galt

Green."

"Ah, that's why I didn't quite place you," Billy said cheerfully. "Odd, though, we haven't met before seeing we're both Concentrics."

"Very odd," Michael said. "For I've been a guest at the Galt Green Branch several times."

"You make it sound as though my not belonging to that branch was something sinister," Billy grinned, apparently puzzled at Michael's manner. "Matter of fact I've always belonged to the City of London Branch, and I saw no reason to make a change when I moved out to Galt Green."

"And you found it suited your purpose better, no doubt," Michael said grimly.

"Now I wonder what dark hint is under that?" Billy asked, seemingly mystified, but before anything more could be said Miss Marvin came up and spoke to him and with a "Right-o, darling," Billy went off with her.

Darling!—No wonder Billy Condon had found it wise to keep his social activities clear of Galt Green! The mean cur—he had tucked his wife out of sight in that obscure suburb while continuing his career of philandering in town.

Michael recognised at once the type of husband Billy Condon was, and yet he was worse than his type. He was really a boulder. Free from Joyce the chap knew no restraints at all. He not only behaved like an unmarried man, but actually acted like an ardent lover towards Rita Marvin.

He was always with the girl. He walked with her arm tucked into his arm—exactly as Michael had seen him walk with his wife. And the chap was an even greater skunk than that. Walking through the more deserted alleys of Brynmouth Park one day, trying to think what he ought to do for Joyce Condon's sake, Michael came upon her husband kissing Rita. Yes, they had sought this secluded nook, and were clinging together unashamed like lovers.

Michael's blood boiled over then and he decided to take the first opportunity of confronting the blackguard and giving him a piece of his mind. He even hoped to make the cur fight . . . A good strong punch on the nose and a wallop in an eye or two would not only punish him, but make him a pretty picture for his new lady-love: especially in view of the great ball that was to end the Conference in two days.

Curiously enough Billy Condon showed no reluctance to meet him. In fact it was Billy who actually ran him to earth in a deserted smoking room, and, without beating about the bush, said curtly:

"Look here, Harder, I want a word with you. I don't object to your scowling at me for some reason know only to Heaven and your liver, but spying on me at certain—well—sacred moments is a bit more than I or any man can stand."

"You mean the unpleasant episode with poor Miss Marvin—"

"Unpleasant be darned, what the blazes—" Billy Condon burst out, but Michael went on as though he had not heard:

"My presence was accidental. You don't imagine any decent man would have willingly witnessed that foul piece of caddishness . . ."

"Foul! Caddish!" blurted Billy Condon. "I say, are you by any chance completely dotty?"

"That manner may bluff others, Condon," Michael flared. "It won't do with me. You see I happen to know you have a wife living at Galt Green."

"What!" cried Billy Condon, gaping amazed.

"How is you over, doesn't it?" Michael rasped. "You thought you'd hidden her away safely. But I know, and your behaviour is damnable."

"You—you know," stammered the startled Condon.

"Absolutely. I've watched your wife coming to the station every morning to wave you goodbye. I've seen you together in town. Heard you . . . How?" pulped Condon.

"I saw you and heard you after you'd been to the Pelican, months ago . . ."

"The night Joyce left the kitchen stove on," Condon said with a gasp.

"Yes," Michael drove the truth home. "I even heard her say that. And since, as I say, I've been able to note her devotion to you, your present rottenness strikes me as sheer blackguardism . . ."

"Good God!" Billy Condon looked at him open mouthed. "Then Joyce . . . Good Lord!"

He gave another amazed glare at Michael, and then turned and almost scuttled from the room . . . Michael was disconcerted at that. He'd dearly liked to have had one swipe at the rat. But perhaps it was as well. Condon had realised how much he knew and had bolted in fear—yes, and he had decided to mend his ways too. Found out Condon began to behave himself, during the whole of next day he kept out of sight, and certainly kept away from Rita Marvin. In fact, as Michael stood in the great ball-room of the Town Hall for the final function of the Conference and saw no sign of Condon about, he began to congratulate himself on curing the brute—for Joyce.

And it was at that precise moment that he heard the man say beside him: "Oh, Harder . . . I want to introduce you to—Joyce."

He swung round and there was Condon and his wife standing close to him. Joyce started and blushed at the sight of him as much as he did, and Condon said in a malicious tone: "You might give her a dance or two—more. Harder. She's only just arrived, knows nobody else and—er—I'm such a busy man . . ."

Bewildered as much by her closeness and wonder as with anger at Condon—what rottenness was the fellow up to now?—Michael found his arm about the girl and their feet moving in perfect unison to the music. And Joyce was saying with a sparkle in her eyes as well as with another blush:

"Billy's a perfect devil, isn't he?" "Yes," he said in a strained voice. "A devil."

"You sound as though you didn't quite approve of him?" she said.

"Do you?" he asked, for her blush surely meant that she knew how he felt about her.

"Oh, a sister scarcely counts," she laughed.

"A—sister!" he gasped.

"Of course—I'm Billy's sister. You knew, didn't you?"

"I—of course," he stammered. "I mean . . . But you keep house for him then?"

"Yes—and will until he marries. Rita Marvin!" She smiled then her eyes widened. "Why—what did you think I was? Not—good heavens—not Billy's wife?"

"Would I," he managed to gulp, "be so absurd."

But her bright eyes were studying him keenly, a tiny smile was quivering at the corners of her quick lips.

"Is that why . . . I mean, you always looked away . . ."

she blurted.

"When?" he demanded. "Do you mean when you came down to wave . . .?"

"It doesn't matter," she cried in sudden confusion. "I was meaning something else . . ."

But she wasn't. The dance stopped then, with Billy and Rita Marvin near them, and as they clapped for an encore Billy slipped across and said:

"Have you found out why she imperilled my respectability by suddenly taking it into her head to see me off at the station—just after our visit to the Pelican?"

"You—you utter beast, Billy," Joyce flamed, and the dance restarted.

"He isn't," Michael said to her. "He's a real brick . . . So that was why you waved to him each morning."

"Don't be silly," she whispered.

"I'm not," Michael said. "I've seen you get in at Galt Green."

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WHAT'S SPEAKING

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able?" he said.

"Did you feel that, too," she began, blushed, and ended quickly, "Were there any?"

"Too many. Sometimes they seemed ten a week."

"How absurd," she laughed softly, "... and with forty-eight hours in between them."

"You darling," he whispered. "You hated the 'in-betweens,' too."

Her eyes lifted and fell before his ... but fell too late.

"But—but you did look away so quickly," she said.

"But not until I had looked my fill."

"Yet—why?"

"Well, I was an ass ... I thought, well that you and Billy ... You see I stood just behind you the first night I saw you ..."

"The night of the Pelican?"

"Ah, you remember it too ... Well, you and Billy talked—about gas being left on in the kitchen stove. And it seemed—well, very married."

She looked at him steadily.

"And you were as decent as that ... I meant, not to look too much at Billy's—wife?"

"I liked you too much for that sort of thing, my dear," he said.

The dance stopped. They stood by side, looking into each other eyes, smiling. Then with an impulsive movement Joyce caught and squeezed his arm.

"I know," she said. "I saw all that ... what you were, in the foyer of the Pelican."

"And I saw what you ought to be, what you are going to be, even then," he laughed, and captured her hand.

Billy came up.

"You people look as though little mattered but moonbeams," he grinned.

"All the same that was the supper dance and I've bagged a table for all of us. And ... oh, Harder, may I introduce my—er—wife to be, Miss Marvin?"

"May I introduce mine," Michael laughed, "Billy's sister."

Even Billy the live wire blinked then.

"By jove—quick work, Harder," he said. "Of course I guessed there was someone she came down to see me off for ... But this is the first time you've spoken to her, isn't it?"

"What's speaking?" Michael smiled.

"We've been in love for months."

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has regained considerable intensity and covers China, western Japan and the neighbouring seas. The depression remains in the vicinity of Hokkaido.

Mrs. Cooper, of No. 3, Leighton Hill Road, has reported the loss of a wrist watch somewhere between the Peninsula Hotel and her residence yesterday afternoon.



Last year's coat looks a complete wreck to any woman until the thermometer hits zero then suddenly it looks pretty good.

REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

THE FAMILIAR FRENCH TRIANGLE

On Aug. 10, 1889, the body of an unknown man was discovered in the woods about ten miles from Lyons, France. The physician who examined it said that the man had been dead for several days. Marks around the neck indicated that he must have been strangled to death.

M. Goran, famous French detective immediately made an examination of the list of missing persons on file in his office, and came to the conclusion that the dead man was M. Gouffe, a balliff of Paris, who had disappeared a week before. A nephew of Gouffe hurried to Lyons and reported that he was unable to identify the remains. He said his uncle had short auburn hair, while that on the corpse was jet black and slightly longer.

The next day M. Goran heard that the body had been buried in the potter's field near Lyons. He was furious over the announcement. The coroner replied that he had simply followed

By
GEORGE BARTON

the custom in cases where no one claims a body. He had, however, photographed the remains and had cut several strands of hair from the corpse.

M. Goran, hastening to Lyons, obtained the hair. He called for a basin of distilled water and soaked the black hair in it. After the grease and dirt had been eliminated it was proven that the hair was not black, but auburn. He was now convinced of foul play and ordered the disinterment of the body. In a short time it was fully identified as the remains of M. Gouffe.

The scene of the drama was transferred to Paris. M. Goran made a thorough investigation into the life of the dead man. As a result of this he found that he had been carrying on an affair with a woman known as Gabrielle Bompard. He also found that Gouffe had a rival in the affections of Mme. Bompard. Events as they were pieced together followed in quick succession. The second man in the tragedy was one Michael Eynard.



M. Gouffe, the murdered man, disappeared from Paris on Aug. 3, 1889. Gabrielle Bompard was missing from her usual haunts after the following morning.

Michael Eynard had quit Paris that same night.

Putting these three facts together M. Goran came to the conclusion that it involved the familiar French triangle. All of the resources of the police were utilized in trying to trace the missing man and woman. Days and weeks passed without any results. The newspapers were filled with stories of the case and M. Goran publicly announced that he was at last on the trail of the missing man and that he hoped to obtain a confession within 48 hours.

When M. Goran made a proclamation of this kind it was accepted by the public as the truth. He had never failed before; he could not fail this time. As a matter of fact his statement was simply one of the whenever he found himself up against a blank wall.

But it worked! It brought him an anonymous communication which put him on the tracks of Eynard. He learned that Eynard had gone to South America and a detective was put on the trail.

In the meantime M. Goran had an unexpected caller at headquarters. It was a heavily veiled woman and when she lifted her veil he beheld Gabrielle Bompard. She told the detective frankly and briefly that M. Gouffe had

TREBITSCH LINCOLN HAS A PEACE PLAN!

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

TREBITSCH LINCOLN, WHO IS NOW RESIDING IN SHANGHAI AS ABBOT CHAO KUNG, HAS "ACCEPTED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S INVITATION" TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO DISCUSS WITH HIM MEANS FOR PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

He has addressed a message directly to the President, requesting an opportunity to outline to him "certain proposals which will bring about world peace."

The Buddhist Abbot, known in Europe as "the man no country wants," has asked the President to instruct the American Consul-General in Shanghai to grant him a visa.

"Your invitation to religious leaders of all faiths to go to the White House in Washington and discuss with you efforts to achieve world peace," Trebitsch Lincoln says in his message, "is herewith accepted by me, and I request you to instruct the U.S. Consul-General here to issue to me the necessary visa."

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PARKING OVERTIME

Mr. J. C. Menhinick, of the A.P.C., North Point, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking overtime in Pedder Street. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

A similar fine was imposed on Mr. C. G. Scicluna, of No. 22, Des Voeux Road Central, for the same offence.

been strangled to death by Michael Eynard at No. 3 Rue Transon-Ducody, and that she had been an unwilling accomplice.

Soon after this confession Eynard was arrested in Havana and brought to Paris. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. But if the woman in the triangle hoped to escape she was mistaken. She was given 20 years in penal servitude.

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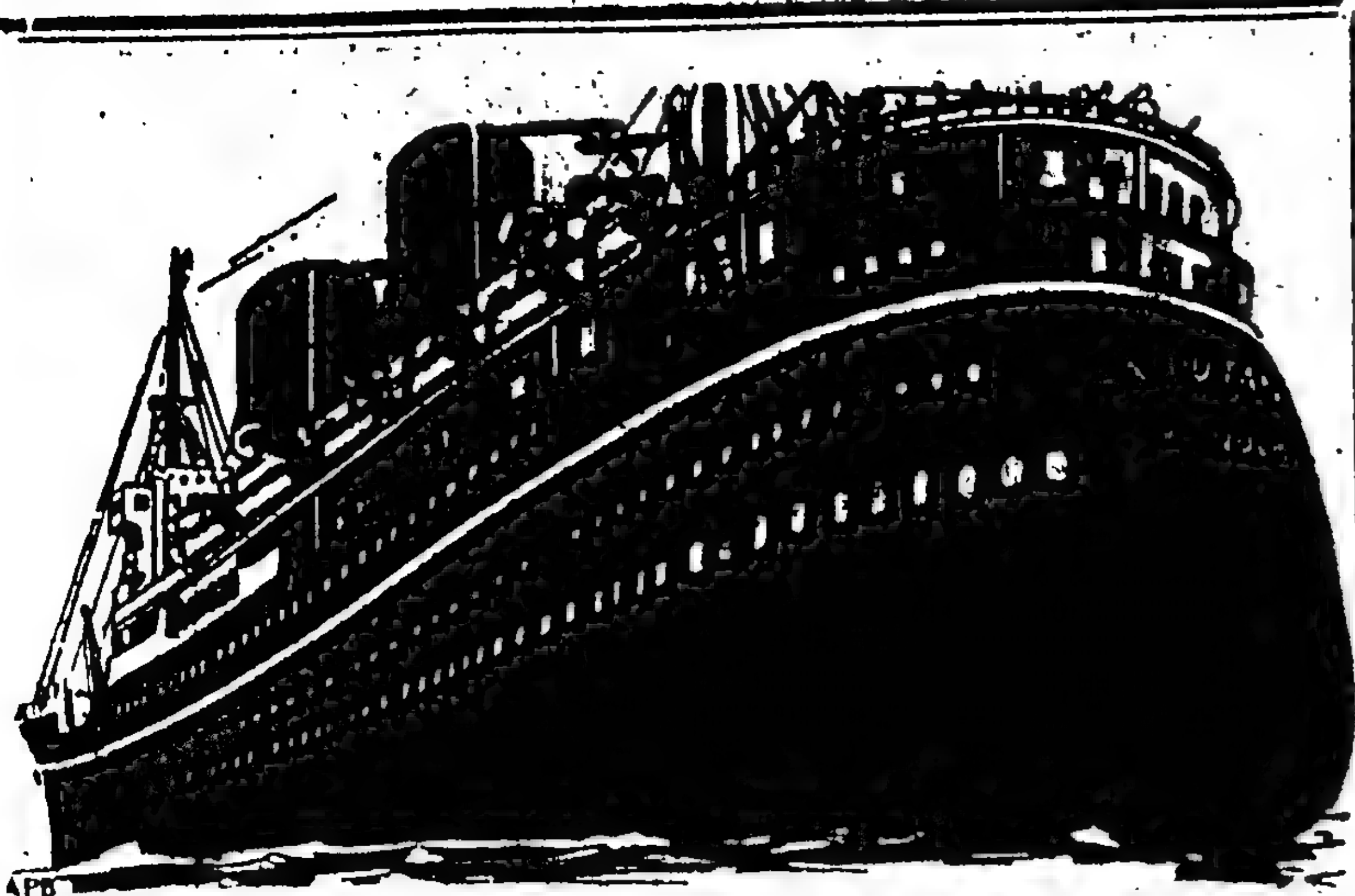
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Japan	January 26.
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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th January	January 27.
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Canton	January 28.
Japan and Shanghai	January 28.
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Haiphong and Hoihow	January 29.
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Manila, Australia and New Zealand	K.P.O.	
via Thursday Island—due Thursday	Reg.,	Jan. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Island, 8th February.	Ord.,	Jan. 26, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Jan. 26, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 26, 7.00 p.m.
Straits		Jan. 26, 7.00 p.m.
	SATURDAY	
Amoy		Jan. 27, 8.30 a.m.
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Shanghai and Japan		Jan. 27, 3.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Jan. 27, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	SUNDAY	
Shanghai		Jan. 28, 9.00 a.m.
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	Reg.,	Jan. 27, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 28, 7.30 a.m.
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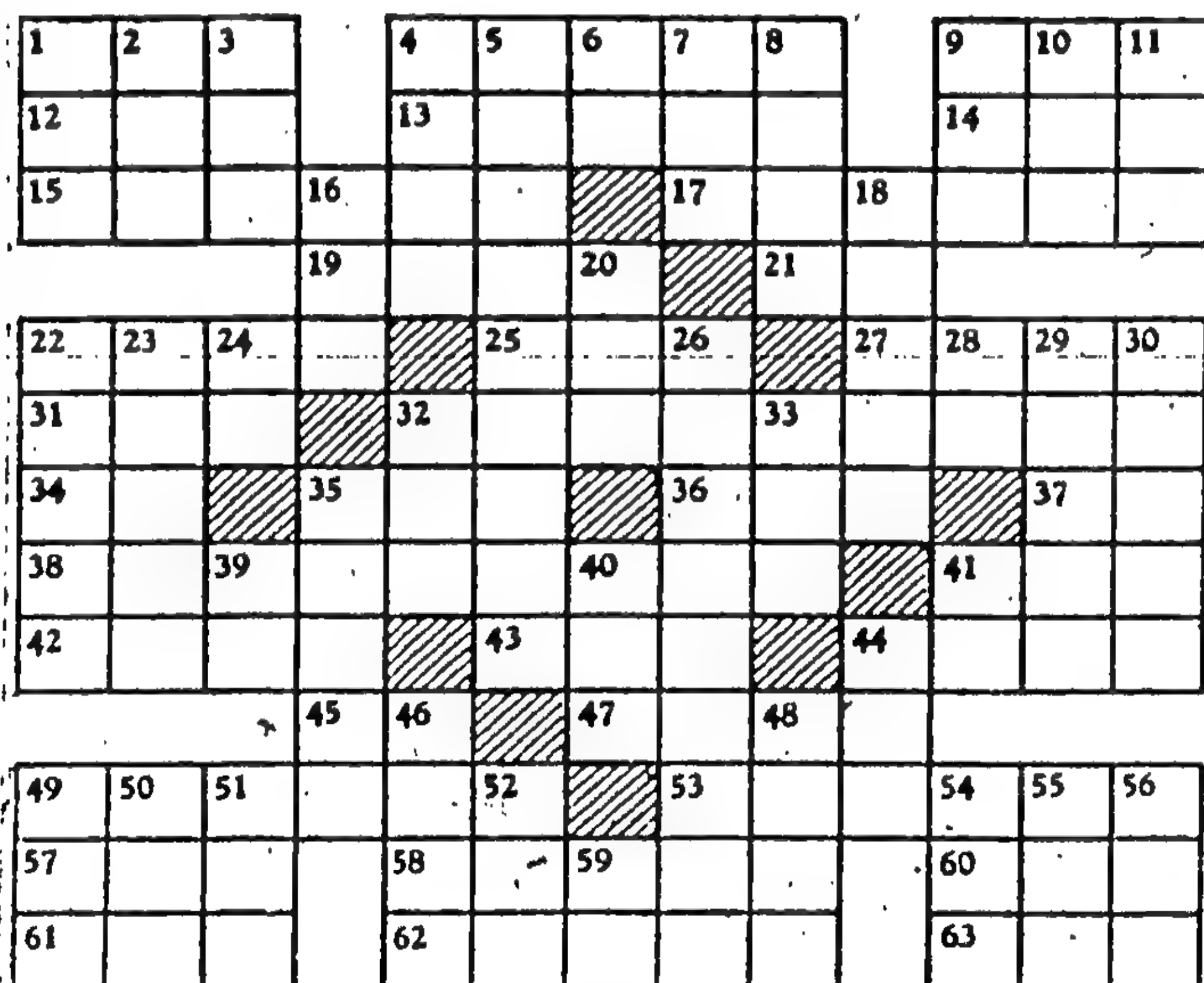
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- 9 To weary
- 12 Topaz
- 13 humming-bird
- 14 To implant
- 15 Grecian
- 16 mountain
- 17 Witnessed
- 18 Pushed
- 19 To flutter
- 21 Greek letter
- 22 Germinated
- 23 grain
- 25 Turkish gulf
- 27 Luck
- 31 Palm leaf
- 32 (variant)
- 33 Incomplete
- 34 Artificial
- 35 language
- 36 Plaited
- 37 article
- 38 Siam's coin
- 39 Article
- 40 Plans
- 41 River
- 42 Wrought up
- 43 Downy
- 44 To afford
- 45 Pronoun
- 47 Plumlike
- fruit

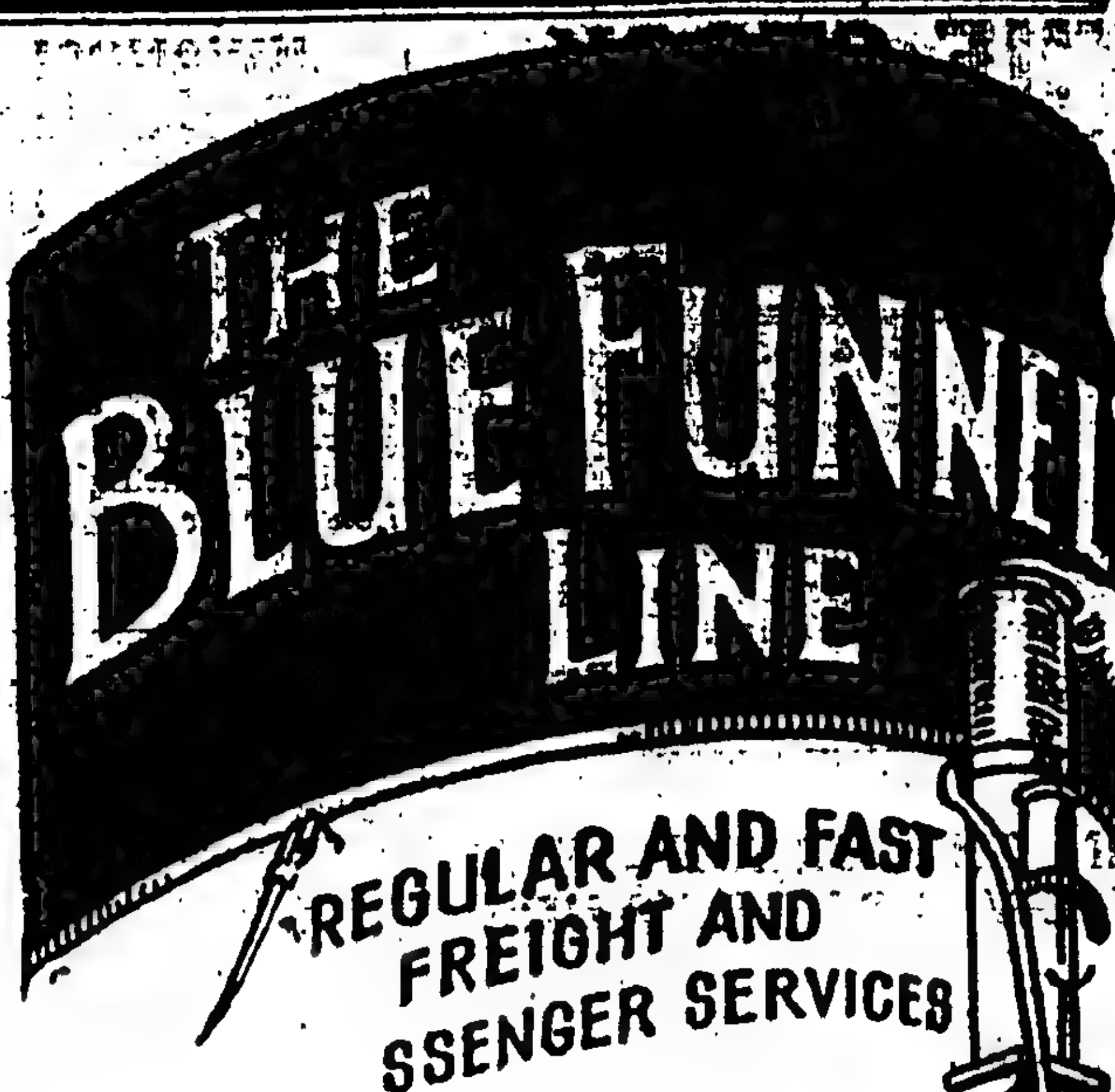
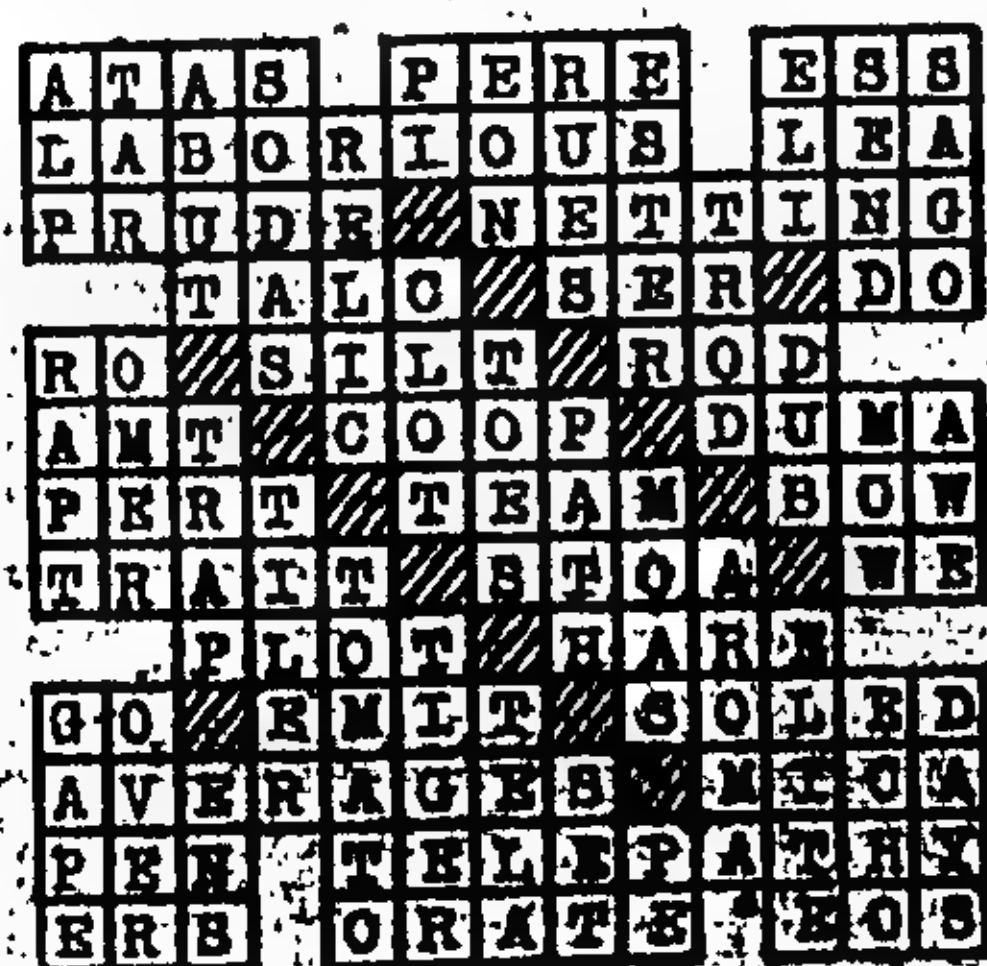
- 49 Ruffian
- 53 Smoothed
- 57 Mouths
- 58 French river
- 60 Mother of
- all
- 61 Compartment
- 62 Impedes
- 63 Marble game

VERTICAL

- 1 Idle talk
- 2 Hall
- 3 College cheer
- 4 To complete
- 5 Signified
- 6 Because
- 7 Decade
- 8 To stupefy

- 9 Small fruit
- 10 American
- humorist
- 11 To ramble
- 16 Newt
- 18 European coin
- 20 Rocky crag
- 22 Grecian
- peninsula
- 23 Lengthwise of
- 24 French article
- 26 Alarming
- 28 Spanish article
- 29 Killed
- 30 Church council
- 32 Woodland
- delty
- 33 Pronoun
- 35 Power
- 39 Depart
- 40 Dawn goddess
- 41 Note of scale
- 44 Constellation
- 46 Trees
- 48 Metals
- 49 Male swan
- 50 Swiss canton
- 51 To grow brown
- 52 To bring forth
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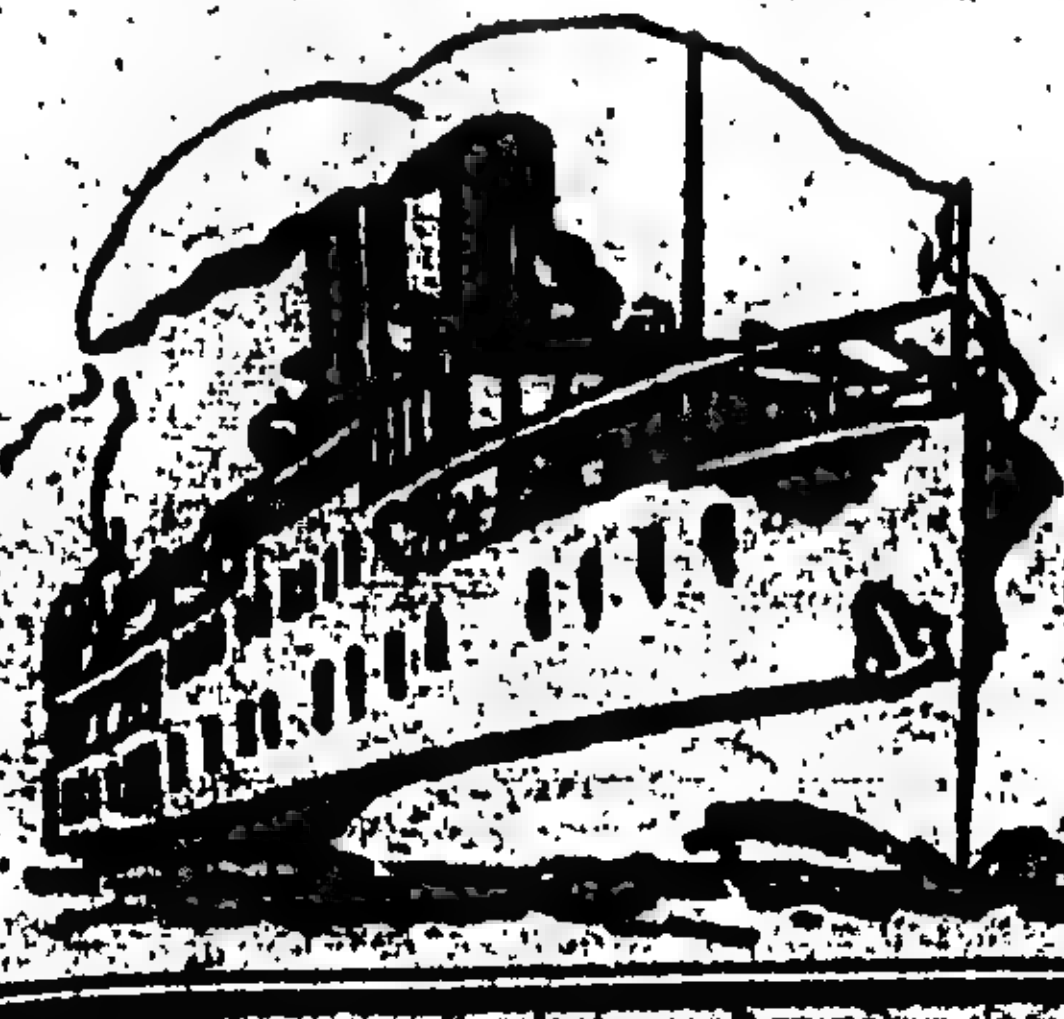
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THE STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.
The Stock Exchange was quieter yesterday, gilt-edged securities reacting slightly on profit-taking and home rails being irregular.

Industrials, however, tended to improve.

Among the commodities, shellac was active and higher on renewed trade and investment buying.

Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

IN THE CAUSE OF A NEW ARCHITECTURE

A General Meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association will be held at the Fung Ping Shan Chinese Library, next Friday at 5.30 p.m. when Mr. Kuo Yuan-hsi, M.A., former Officer in Charge of Parks and Public Gardens, Canton, will deliver a lecture on the "The Cause of a New Chinese Architecture."

KWANGSI BORDER CLASHES

Liuchow, To-day.
Clashes continue on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border regions. Tongpo, 23 miles south of Nanning, and Kowlungshu, 10 miles north-east of Yamchow, are reported to have been recaptured by the Chinese. Sharp fighting took place at Ngau-kong near Kowlungshu. — Central News.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 21-13/16 for Spot and 21-3/4 for forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York on London rate at 3.98-3/8.

A leper, Cheung Sang, 26, has escaped from the Kennedy Town Leper Asylum. All Police Stations have been notified.

TAIPO KAIFONG ACQUITTED

CHEUNG TAI-KWAI, A PROMINENT RESIDENT OF TAIPO, WHO WAS CHARGED AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS WITH ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AND ATTEMPTED DISSUAISON OF A WITNESS FROM GIVING EVIDENCE, WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY THE JURY YESTERDAY AFTER 10 MINUTES RETIREMENT.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, was for the defence.

The defence was a complete denial of the allegations and in summing up His Lordship after referring to the "Jekyll and Hyde" aspect of the case, said the story told by Cheung Po was too improbable to be true. It was a story which even Cheung Fat, whose house was attacked, said he could not believe; and were it not for the fact that Cheung Fat's household, which possessed nothing worth stealing, had actually been forcibly entered, and the fact that the third accused did promise to pay Cheung Po some money, the Jury would no doubt find it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to believe that story.

Chau Hing and Chau Sung who were also charged with robbery, were also found not guilty and discharged.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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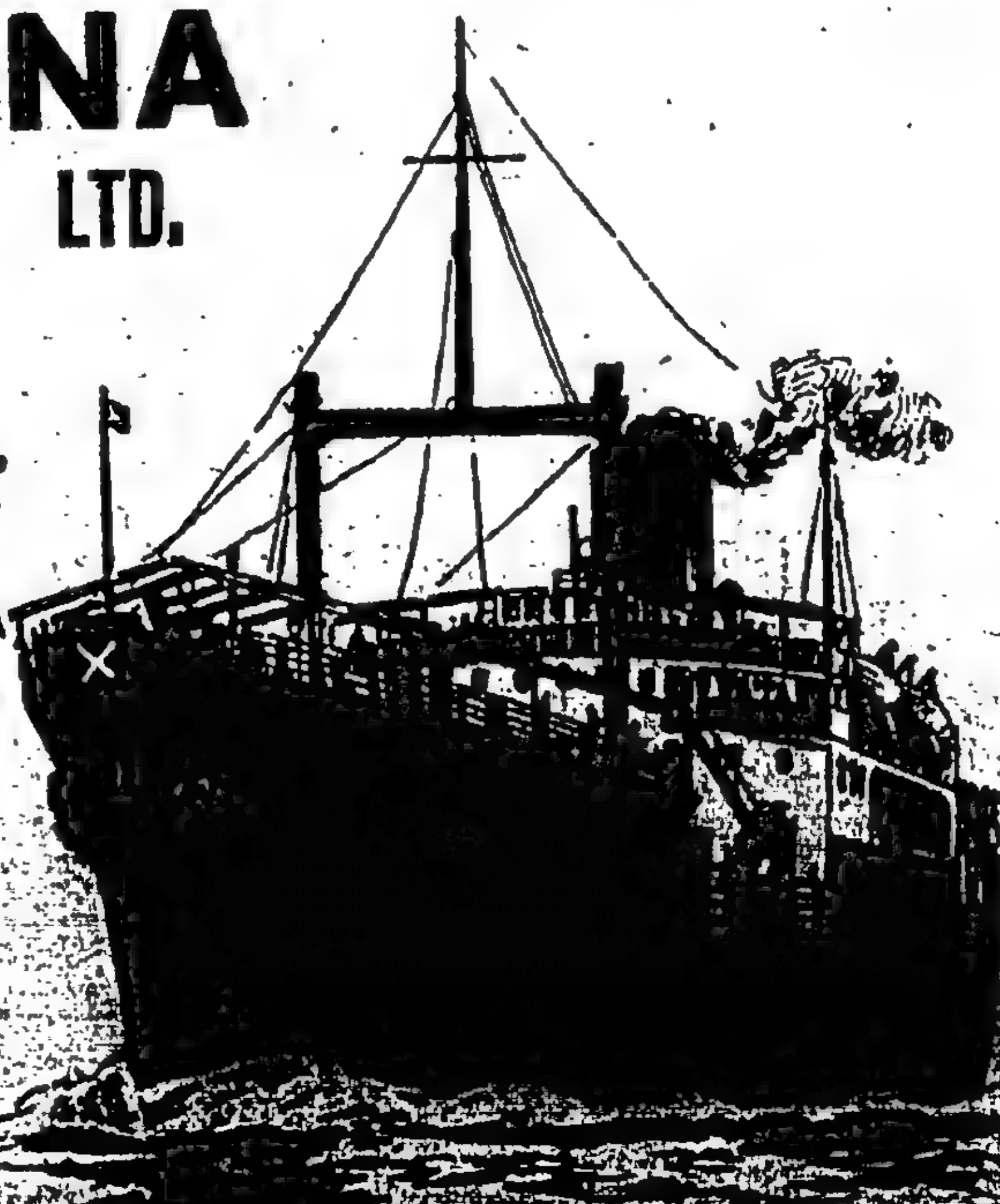
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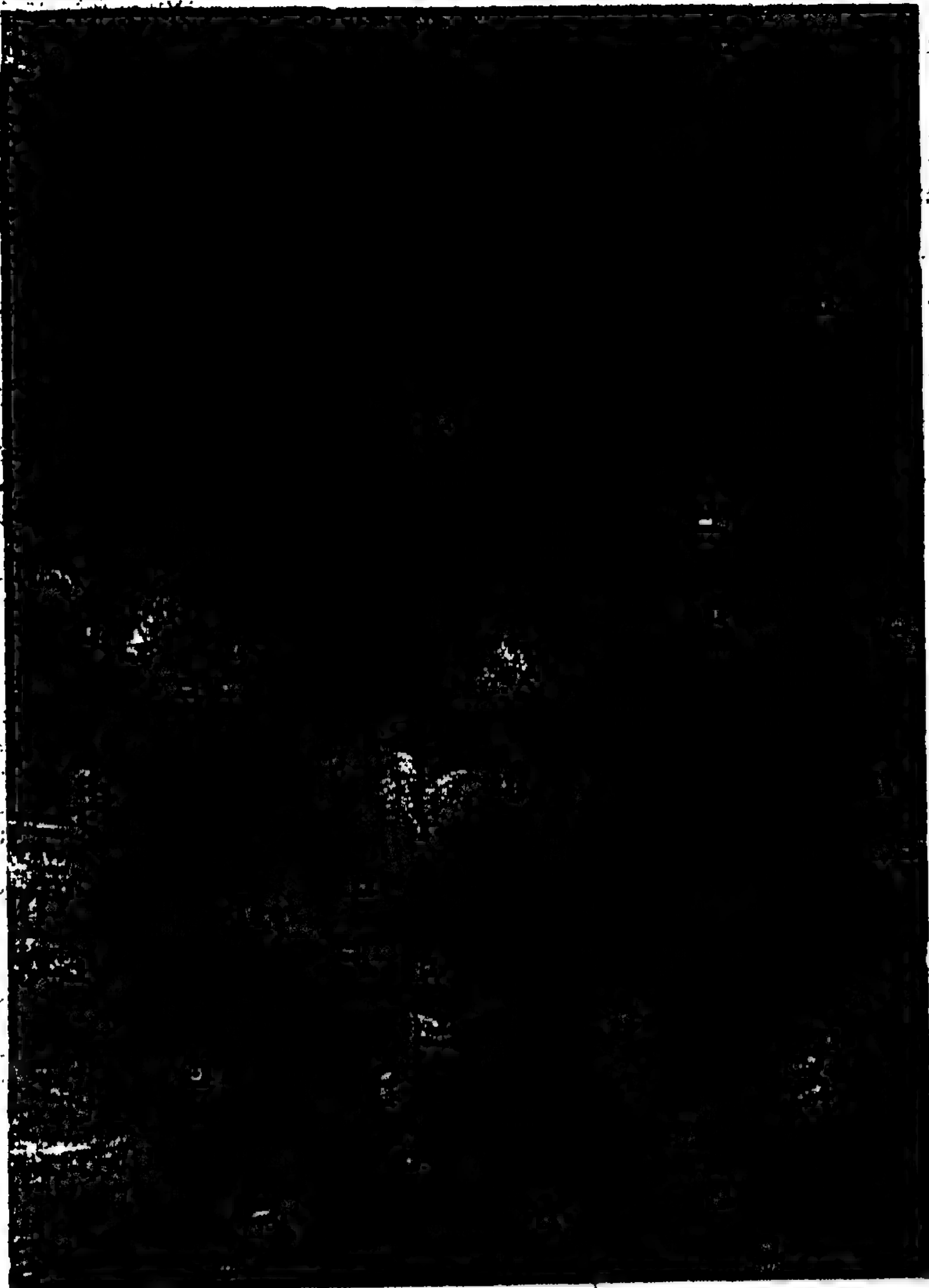
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Robinson (Navy) in action in the Kotewall Cup match against South China on Sunday.



Some of the St. Andrew's and C.B.S. teams who met last Saturday.



His Excellency the Governor and H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General Grasett, snapped during Sunday's lawn bowls.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

It now transpires that Hossack of the Royal Scots will be allowed to go to Shanghai with the Interport eleven, and with this announcement comes the one that Fox will also be going. This produces the problem of who will be the centre-forward for the big match. Hossack might be preferred on the grounds that he has proved himself more often than Fox, and that the latter has not yet been fully tested against a really strong defence.

In one way I think the committee would be wise to put Hossack in the centre as I do not think either of the inside forwards who are likely to play are able to give Fox the sort of passes that he is able to convert into goals.

Judging by the display of Leonard and Strange in the practice match on Wednesday, the centre forward will have to do all the foraging himself and not depend on his inside man, and the greater speed of Hossack might stand him in good stead in this respect.

If both of them are to be included in the side, I suggest that it would be better to play Fox at inside-right, rather than Hossack, as I think that he would be able to curb his natural inclination, to lay too far up the field, better than Hossack. He played at inside-right in the Army trial earlier in the season and gave quite a good show.

Royal Scots, Lieutenant Skipwith, R.A., Lieutenant Weedon, of the Middlesex, and Major Harvey, Medicals.

The other ranks will be represented by Sgt. Denyer, R.E. Cpl. Webb, R.A.M.C. Cpl. Murphy, R. Signals, L/Cpl. Young, R.A.S.C., L/Cpl. Shaw, R.E. and Pte. Hatfield, 1/Middlesex.

Young seems to be concentrating on cricket these days after a spell at football, and is a valuable addition to the side. He bats right-handed, but bowls left hand round. Hatfield has not recently been bowling up to the standard he set last year, but showed signs of his old form last week in an inter-unit match, and was keeping a nice length and coming off the pitch very fast.

Murphy has not had a lot of success lately and is just about due for a bit of luck in his games. Webb has taken up his bat where he left off last year and is playing some good innings these days.

The biggest weakness in all the Army sides this year has been the bowling, but with Skipwith, Denyer, Murphy, Young and Hatfield they have an array in this side which is quite enough to give the Kowloonites something to think about to-morrow.

THERE is only one change in the Army side to meet the Navy in the Lai Wah cup to-morrow. Naysmith is not available for the right back position and his place will be taken by Lawton of the Gunners.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The following were the results of matches played yesterday in the Colony Chess Championship:

E. Zimmern beat Sir Henry Pollock, Weiss beat A. Y. Biriukoff, K. M. A. Barnett beat A. Kurrik, and B. Blair beat V. V. Koshchov.

At Sookunpon yesterday, Engineers beat Royal Scots in the Third Division of the Football League by 3 goals to 1. Moore and Jones (2) scored for the Suppers, and Holden for the Royal Scots.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanning:

TO-MORROW	
Old Course	
2.00 p.m.	F. C. Young, J. W. Mayhew.
2.15	A. J. Dennis, J. T. Smith.
SUNDAY	
9.15 a.m.	J. T. Smith, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.30	K. S. Robertson, W. W. C. She-wan.
9.45	J. P. Sherry, W. A. Stewart.
9.55	A. D. S. Murray, E. G. Price.
10.05	H. W. E. Heath, E. A. Bompas.
10.15	D. A. O'Kieffe, W. G. Robertson.
10.30	L. A. R. Duncan, H. C. Sturges-Wells.
10.45	G. V. Griffiths, A. V. Greaves.
10.55	Comdr. Hols, R. K. Collings.
11.05	C. D. N. Walker, R. H. Gregory.
11.15	A. C. Meredith, A. M. Kennedy.
11.25	A. L. Peffer, M. L. Groom.
11.35	T. A. Pearce, A. E. Mackenzie.
11.45	T. E. Pearce, O. F. Murphy.
11.55	J. C. Brown, L. Jackson.
12.05	R. Young, A. B. Purves.
12.15	J. M. Pearson, G. M. Park.
12.25	A. T. McDonald, J. Macpherson.
12.35	S. T. Smith, R. A. Mulla.

10.32	E. P. Streatfield, G. Riddell-Carre.
10.35	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.40	A. C. I. Bowker, A. H. Penn.
10.44	F. A. Redmond, J. C. Taylor.
10.48	J. W. Mayhew, D. S. Edward.
10.52	J. B. Harrison, J. Linaker.
10.56	G. C. Worrell, P. K. M. Patten.
11.00	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
11.04	G. W. Reeve, D. Allen.
11.08	D. H. Clark, F. C. Young.
11.12	I. H. C. Highet, F. N. Chandler.
11.16	I. P. Tamworth, H. B. Williams.
11.20	A. H. Guinness, M. G. Carruthers.
11.24	A. J. Dennis, W. Bastin.
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	A. M. Mack, J. S. Dummett.
9.28	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.
9.32	Mrs. Murray, Miss Price.
9.36	Mrs. Grayes, Mrs. Robertson.
9.40	Capt. Reidy, Major Temple.
9.44	Major Mackenzie, Major Robertson.
9.48	I. H. and Mrs. Howell.
9.52	Lieut. Carter, Pte. L. Jones.
9.56	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

If Guy can keep up the form he is showing at the moment he should be an automatic choice for the Interport centre-half berth, although I am afraid he will have a job to push Forrow out of the centre-half position. He might, however, play in one of the wing-half positions as he is undoubtedly miles ahead of both Hussain and Maxwell.

THE Army will have one of the strongest cricket sides they have turned out this year in the field to-morrow, when they play Kowloon Cricket Club. For the first time in many a day a change in captaincy has been made, and Captain Grove will be in charge of the side. The other players who will be playing are Captain Duke, and the

SOCCER NOTES

Interport Arrangements Are Nearing Conclusion

Hossack Receives Necessary Permission; Now Going

POSSIBLE LINE-UP OF COLONY SIDE

(By "REFEREE")

APART from A. Bone and S. Strange, who have not yet definitely stated that they will be able to make the trip to Shanghai, everything has been arranged for the remainder of the team for the trip.

The team sails a few days earlier than anticipated, but this was unavoidable owing to shipping arrangements. The composition of the team has not yet been decided upon and will not be finally settled until Strange and Bone have given definite replies.

Hossack Gets Permission

Hossack, of Royal Scots, who at first was not able to make the trip, has now been granted permission by his Battalion. When it was first known that he would not be permitted to make the trip Fox of Engineers was invited and he accepted.

Two other Service men in Sheehan and Bright, who were the original selections, are not available. Sheehan has just come out of hospital with an injured back and Guy of 30th R. A. has been invited to accompany the team.

From the available talent it seems that the Interport team will be Moxham; Strange and Hussain; Guy, Forrow and E. Strange; T. Castilho, A. V. Gosano, Hossack, D. Leonard and Honniball or Moxham; D. Leonard, S. Strange; Hussain, Forrow and E. Strange; T. Castilho, Fox, Hossack, A. V. Gosano and Honniball.

In both teams S. Strange has been included and if he falls out at the last moment further changes will have to be made.

It is a pity that Forrow has not been seen in any other position as Guy would be well suited for the pivotal berth.

Fowler Not Going

It is now definitely ascertained that Fowler will not be available for the Shanghai trip but will be seen in the Interport team against Saigon.



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Strenuous Navy

Programme

Royal Navy have had a strenuous football programme recently and will have played five games in 10 days. In the past week they met Army and South China in the Kotewall Cup competition, Middlesex and Eastern in the League, and, on Saturday, again met Army in the Lat Wah Cup competition.

Plaudits For F.A. Hon. Sec.

Credit must be given to the Hon. Secretary of the Football Association for the manner in which he is trying to finish the football season as scheduled, and he has missed no opportunity in fixing postponed games.

INTERESTING GAME FOR SUNDAY

The Chinese Police Reserve football team, which will include several past and present members of South China, will meet the Police senior team in a friendly football game at Boundary Street on Sunday at 4 p.m.

This week—though no games were fixed—he has arranged several Senior games, including the replay of the Senior Shield First Round game between Royal Scots and Club.

Electric Lagging

Electric, who are not able to play during the week, are far behind in their fixtures and should make an effort to play some of their games. Volunteer camps are now in progress and further postponements will be necessary.

H. K. LADIES' TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following have been selected to represent Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club to-morrow:

Mrs. Lunson; Miss Sleep and Miss Swan; Miss J. Booker; Miss Grieg and Miss Gordon-Smith; Miss Marr; Mrs. Skinner; Miss M. Booker; Miss M. Smalley and Miss Purves.

"SWING" IN GOLF

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

While most golfers learning the game depend largely upon the sense of sight to help them along, Ernest Jones, who has built up quite a golf following, advises that the "feel" is the thing. Instead of trying to pattern the stroke after some model, it might be better to try to get the feel of true swinging. Most of the good players have this feel already, although some of them hardly know what it is, and it is often buried under the advice to the beginners of a multitude of do's and don'ts.

Yet the real conception of swinging is one that brings to mind relaxation and smoothness, comfort and rhythm; all recognised virtues of a good stroke yet striven for with such vigour by the average beginner that the tenseness of effort defeats its own purpose. The true swing produces a feeling of outward pull so that one, sensitive enough, can determine that path of the clubhead at all times. Furthermore the swing, made in such a manner, will find the bodily muscles moving in the right manner and sequence. The

swing momentum is gained by centrifugal force instead of leverage and explosive hitting power. To prove his point, Jones needs only to step and hit the ball down the fairway with one leg off the ground. The yardage the ball travels is convincing.

Next Article.—
Hitting Stage Pattern.

MEN'S HOCKEY

"Y" WIN EASILY

A one-sided hockey match was witnessed yesterday afternoon at King's Park when Y.M.C.A. "A" defeated a weak team from the H.K.S.R.A., in a friendly game by three clear goals, after leading by two goals at the interval.

"Y" were on the offensive for almost the entire game and opened the scoring through Stone. About five minutes later, Pinnington added a further goal from a pass from Austen.

Gemmell registered the third and the final goal as a result of a solo effort about ten minutes towards the end.

Y.M.C.A. "A":—Benwell; Jordan and Perry; Smits, McLellan and Tomlinson, Stone, Gemmell, Binnington, Austen and Baldwin.

H.K.S.R.A.:—Faronza Khan; Mayen Muhd and Jasban Singh; Muhd Nawaz; Daz Khan and Parara Singh; Allalaha Datta, Sarwan Singh, Karam Bux, Hussain Bux and Guran Singh.

CLUB HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in matches arranged for next week:

"A" XI versus 2nd XI Kumaon Rifles on the Club ground on Monday, January 29, at 5 p.m.—H. W. Brown; W. Spencer and J. W. Pennington; G. E. R. Divett (Capt.); H. J. D. Lowe and A. J. McGahan; G. D. Woolgar, T. D. Whitley, E. W. Bannister, B. I. Bickford and F. Carter.

1st XI versus 1st XI Kumaon Rifles on the Club ground on Wednesday, January 31, at 5 p.m.—V. M. Benwell; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed and J. L. Blackham; S. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford and R. A. Bates.



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The Singles Handicap Ten Pin Competition is now drawing to a close; it has reached its semi-final stage, and I expect, in my next week's notes, to be able to announce the date on which the final will be played.

This competition has been truly a very interesting one and, judging by the speed with which it has gone along, it has been a very popular one.

On January 18, J. H. Watts played M. Talan in the third round of the Singles Handicap Competition and won by the very low margin of six pins, the individual scores being:—

J. H. Watts...472 and M. Talan...466 Watts being plus 20 handicap and Talan 13 handicap. Talan was conceding to Watts 8 pins per game or 24 pins for three games, therefore Talan would actually have won by 18 pins if playing level.

It was touch and go for Watts indeed, because on Talan's last frame, in the third and last game, he required only a strike to win. This he failed to accomplish, leaving No. 10 pin up, although he left it rocking, and, making a spare with his second ball, finished up with a strike. Watts' victory was well deserved, for he played a good, consistent game.

HAYMES BEATS LANDOLT

On January 22, there was another game played in the Singles Handicap Competition, (also in the third round) between M. F. L. Haymes and J. S. Landolt. Haymes was plus 25 and Landolt plus 9, so that Landolt was conceding 16 pins per game or 48 pins for the three games.

This match resulted in the redoubtable Landolt being beaten by 43 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

M. F. L. Haymes 536 and J. S. Landolt 493. Actually in this match Landolt won by five pins level but, having to concede 48 pins handicap, he lost by 43 pins. It was the consensus of opinion that Landolt should have won this match, but Haymes played a good steady game, averaging, with his han-

dicap, 179 per game, while Joe Landolt's average was 185 per game.

Also on January 22, the first semi-final of the Singles Handicap Competition was played between J. H. Watts and Doc Molthen. Watts was plus 20 and Molthen plus 9. This was a five game match vide the Rules of the Competition.

This resulted in another win for Watts by 44 pins, the score being:—

J. H. Watts 526 and Doc Molthen 482. Doc Molthen actually won level by 11 pins but, having to concede 11 pins per game or 33 for the five games, he lost by 44 pins.

On January 19, there was a good and interesting three-game Ten Pins match between U.S.S. Tulsa and U.S.S. Mindanao which resulted in a win for Tulsa by 239 pins, the scores being:—

TULSA	MINDANAO
W. Michals 525	J. M. Elardo 482
A. L. Schreier 522	L. J. Attwood 442
F. Spenko 477	F. P. Hollis 442
E. J. Moore 470	N. R. Philo 419

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In this match J. M. Elardo very kindly substituted for an absent member of the Mindanao team, and he succeeded in being top scorer for his side.

W. Michals was easily top scorer for the match with 525 or an average of 175 per game, with Al Schreier a good second with 522 or an average of 174 per game.

There was another close five-game Ten Pin Match played between U.S.S. Gold Star and U.S.S. Mindanao on January 21. Gold Star won by 111 pins, the individual scores being:—

GOLD STAR	MINDANAO
J. M. Elardo 506	F. P. Hollis 787
A. J. Pohl 786	J. T. Sheehan 773

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By "STRIKE"

S. R. Sunbury 783 D. M. Keplinger 744
C. B. Stuart 689 S. Golden 611

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I was rather surprised to see only one score of over 300, this being by J. M. Elardo, who made 209 in his third game. Sheehan was close to the 300 with 193 on his fourth game, and Hollis made 192 in his second game.

On the whole I was rather disappointed with the scoring all round, the average per man for Gold Star per game working out at 151, and for Mindanao still less — 145 per game. I expect to see better than this in their next encounter.

On January 23, one of the most exciting and interesting five-game Ten Pin matches ever played in these Alleys was played between our old friends the Champs and Tulsa, which resulted in a win for Tulsa by 181 pins.

The results were as follows:—

TULSA	CHAMPS
F. Spenko 972	Dick Venezia 927
P. Peterson 851	J. S. Landolt 801
Al Schreier 818	Doc Molthen 786
W. Michals 800	Chas Miller 748

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It is always a treat to witness these powerful teams in action, and there was no doubt that on this occasion they kept up their reputation as being two of the best teams in the Alleys.

Following the progress of the match from game to game is very interesting. In the first game the Champs led by 63 pins, which they increased in the second game to 92 in the lead; in the third game they lost some of this lead but were still 55 pins ahead, but in the fourth game Tulsa

went ahead to lead by 122 pins, and Tulsa still forged ahead in the fifth game to win very comfortably by 181 pins.

SPENKO RESPONSIBLE FOR WIN
There was no doubt that Spenko's 246 in his fourth game brought about the lead; his score was the highest of the match with Dick Venezia a very close second with 238 in his fifth game.

Indeed Spenko's effort might easily have beaten the record for the month—253 held by Hollis of Mindanao. If he had registered a spare on his eighth game, instead of a miss, to make nine, he would have passed Hollis's score. Spenko's effort was as follows:—Strike, spare, five strikes in a row, a miss to make 9, on his eighth frame, and finishing up with four strikes in a row.

The average pins per game per player was very good, Tulsa being about 173 per man per game, and the Champs 163. Spenko was easily the highest scorer for the whole five games, being 972 or about an average of 195 pins per game, and Dick Venezia was very close behind with 927 or an average of 185 per game. It only meant a couple of strikes each for both these players to have made 1000 or 300 average for each of the five games.

Dick Venezia's score was made up as follows:—five strikes in a row, four spares in a row, finishing up with two strikes and a seven.

H. Blount of Royal Signals still holds the highest Duck Pin score for the month with 139, but on January 23, Geo. Chow almost had him beaten when he registered 133. If Chow had only concentrated a little more on his second ball after his spares he would very easily have done so.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those gentlemen who have so good-naturedly taken up the onerous duties of scorers in these matches, viz. Blount, Somerville, Fawcett, Ismail, Landolt, Medford, etc. Without their help these various matches would not have been so successful.

Now that the Singles Handicap Competition is drawing to a close it is hoped to get the Duck Pin Competition under way.

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UNEVENTFUL BADMINTON

University Match With Recreio Postponed

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading pairings in the three division of the Badminton League:—

"A" DIVISION

Games	P.	L.	W.
C. Au and H. Koh (C.Y.M.C.A.)	9	0	9
P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	9	1	8
T. J. Ong and F. Koh (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	0	6
C. K. Lee and H. F. Chen (University "A")	6	0	6
P. K. Hul and K. L. Yong (University "A")	5	1	4
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	6	2	4
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio)	6	3	3
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	6	3	3
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	3	0	3
K. S. Yeo and K. L. Hul (University "B")	3	0	3
T. C. Chiu and S. L. Young (University "B")	6	3	3
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
C. B. Cheah and K. B. Low (University "B")	9	6	3
L. A. Carvalho and N. Beltrao (Recreio)	3	1	2
C. Lau and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	1	2
T. C. Pang and K. L. Hul (University "B")	3	1	2
C. C. Pereira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	3	2	1
S. C. Leung and C. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
W. C. Choy and S. S. Li (Chung Wah)	6	5	1
W. C. Choy and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	6	5	1
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier (Recreio)	3	2	1
P. K. Chan and K. L. Hul (University "B")	3	2	1

"B" DIVISION

Games	P.	L.	W.
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lul (King's)	21	3	18
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	2	13
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	15	2	13
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	15	2	13
John Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	3	12
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio)	12	2	10
H. Eardley and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	12	2	10
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (K. Tong)	18	9	9
N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	12	4	8
R. A. Marques and H. Goncalves (Recreio)	15	7	8
H. Kew and E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's)	12	5	7
F. Kwok and D. Kwok (St. John's)	9	2	7
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
A. E. F. Guest and W. Gillies (St. Andrew's)	12	7	5
B. C. Kevan and P. Wynter Blyth (K.C.C.)	9	4	5
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's)	9	5	4
A. E. Brown and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's)	9	5	4
D. Kwok and R. Maynard (St. John's)	6	2	4
N. A. Beltrao and R. A. Yvanovich Jr. (Recreio)	12	8	4
W. M. Cheung and S. P. Chan (King's)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and T. Lam (King's)	3	1	2
Austin Ho and J. Lam (St. Teresa's)	6	4	2
F. H. Kwok and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	3	1	2
J. L. Stephens and A. E. H. Castro (K. Tong)	3	1	2
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	6	4	2
J. Tang and Austin Ho (St. Teresa's)	3	1	2
S. W. Liang and K. H. Lo (King's)	6	4	2
N. Beltrao and V. H. Oliveira (Recreio)	3	1	2
W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo (King's)	8	2	1
E. F. Fincher and A. E. Brown (St. Andrew's)	3	2	1
B. C. Kevan and T. Madar (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
A. Chan and N. A. E. Mackay (K. Tong)	6	6	1
A. E. H. Castro and P. B. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	6	6	1
T. Xavier and F. Castro (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
J. Lum and Austin Ho (St. Teresa's)	3	2	1
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1

RECREIO "B" FAIL AGAINST SENIORS

(By "ADREM")

BADMINTON over the week has been particularly uneventful. There have been no needle matches and the only fixture that might have attracted a certain amount of interest—that between University "A" and Recreio in "A" Division—was postponed.

There were only two mixed matches, in both of which the winners did not drop a game.

"B" Division went along as smoothly as usual, three matches being played on Wednesday and all resulting as expected.

What should have been a good match on Friday having regard to the encounter in the first round, between the two Recreio teams, was a complete wash-out and practically the same "B" team which led 4-2 and only lost by the odd-game, were unable on this occasion to win a game.

Nearest approach was when H. F. Goncalves and Miss Maggie Xavier forced L. A. Carvalho and Miss Marie Ribeiro the whole distance, setting and then losing 21-24. Pereira and Mrs. Carvalho also did well against J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro and managed to get 18 aces.

At K.C.C., a settled game between A. L. Fisher and Miss Barker and Norman Smith and Mrs. Penny provided the only thrill in a particularly dull evening. The St. John's pair, however, just managed to win, and preserve the evening's unbeaten record for the three St. John's pairs.

To-night's Badminton

Only one game will be played this evening in the Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League, when Kowloon Cricket Club meet University at K.C.C.

The other game arranged for this evening, between Talkoo and Recreio "B", has been postponed.

A meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Badminton Association will be held in the Board Room of "The South China Morning Post" on Tuesday, February 6, at 5.30 p.m.

MIXED DOUBLES

Games	P.	L.	W.
J. Sousa and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
F. Castro and A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. A. Gutierrez and A. M. Xavier (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Gillies and A. E. Brown (St. Andrew's)	3	2	1
A. K. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A")	12	1	11
Mrs. P. Wilson and D. Kwok (St. John's)	12	2	10
H. F. Goncalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio "B")	15	7	8
Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio "A")	9	1	8
H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (St. John's)	9	1	8
P. K. Hul and Miss Ueng Khoo (University)	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and Miss Ulan Khoo (University)	6	0	6
N. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio "B")	9	3	6
Miss M. Ribeiro and L. A. Carvalho (Recreio "A")	6	0	6
Mrs. N. Strange and F. H. Kwok (St. John's)	9	4	5
C. C. Pereira and Miss C. Silva (Recreio "B")	9	4	5
Mr. and Mrs. R. Main (Talkoo)	12	8	4
J. Clarke and Mrs. T. Beattie (Talkoo)	9	6	3
C. C. Pereira and Mrs. A. C. Carvalho (Recreio "B")	6	3	3
L. A. Carvalho and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio "B")	6	3	3
K. L. Yong and Miss J. Hung (University)	3	0	3
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	3	0	3
Miss M. Ribeiro and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio)	3	0	3
N. L. Smith and Mrs. Penny (St. John's)	3	0	3
O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham (Talkoo)	3	1	2
C. C. Pereira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio "A")	3	2	1
Mr. and Mrs. Kevan (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
P. Wynter-Blyth and Miss B. Barker (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
A. E. H. Castro and Miss M. Stokes (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Stokes (K.C.C.)	3	2	1

HOLE IN ONE

Playing over the Deep Water Bay course on Wednesday, T. J. Price did the sixth hole, measuring 100 yards, in one stroke.

"B" DIVISION

ST. JOHN'S IMPRESS: A QUESTION OF RULES

(By "ADREM")

THREE of the strongest teams in "B" Division of the Badminton League were in action on Wednesday and all won convincingly.

Recreio's victory served to confirm the high opinion I have of this team and makes more inexplicable their defeat by St. John's recently to the tune of 9-nil.

Hitherto the weak link in their armour has been a third string on whom, at the best, only one game could be expected. The introduction of V. H. Oliveira, a player I have never seen in action, appears to have balanced up the side very nicely.

In partnership with Beltrao, who has had a lot of experience, a good smash and is fast, he won two games fairly easily and only lost to the seasoned Fincher-Kew combination. Provided this form can be maintained, I cannot see Recreio being beaten by many teams in the League, although I don't think they will win the shield as they have a formidable task ahead of them in their meeting with St. John's at the Cathedral Hall.

Something of a sensation was caused when A. E. Brown and W. Gillies beat the formidable Barros-Xavier combination by the convincing margin of 11 aces. The fact that there was then little doubt at that stage as to the eventual result probably had something to do with this, with all due respect to the St. Andrew's pair.

ST. ANDREW'S CHANGES

I was interested in the changes in the Saints' team. Hitherto Guest and Gillies have played together chiefly on the strength of a fine display in their first match of the season against King's. Since that date, however, they have done little and Kew was evidently constrained to rejoin the old firm of Brown and Gillies, which did so well on occasions last year, in an effort to strengthen the side.

Fincher and Kew appear to be slowly getting into their stride and, as Wednesday's match proved, are a most difficult pair to beat.

KOWLOON TONG SCRAPE ONE

I thought Kowloon Tong might have put up a better showing against St. John's. But it became apparent after the first two games that they would be lucky if they escaped a 9-nil trouncing. And so it transpired. The visitors secured one game through Mackay and Fletcher, not so much through the good play of the latter, as through carelessness on the part of Smith and Wilson.

St. John's have three extremely well-balanced pairs and I venture to predict that they will go through the season without a defeat on their own court, provided the same team is maintained.

Eardley has made a tremendous difference. In the course of the evening there was a certain amount of discussion as to his merits as compared with Hong Kong's leading lights, P. K. Hul, Patrick Wong and the others.

He is not nearly as spectacular as the two above-mentioned but it must be remembered that he has still to be extended. What impressed me most about his play was the abnormal amount of time he appeared to have when playing a stroke. All the time he was making his strokes, he was looking at the net for anyone who might be in some very nice strokes and...

"A" DIVISION

FIRST DEFEAT FOR WONG AND CHONG

(By "ADREM")

Only interesting feature in the "A" Division match between Chinese "Y" and University "B" was the defeat of Patrick Wong, former Colony champion, and A. Chong — their first in nine games.

They took matters rather too easily against C. B. Chean and K. B. Low, and, when they tried to regain their hold, were unable to and were beaten on the post.

Other games were too one-sided to be worthy of comment and it was always felt that "Y" players still had heaps up their sleeves!

could see, is probably a good deal better at the singles game than at doubles.

IMPROVED COMBINATION

Wilson and Smith also did very well and have now a much better understanding than ever before. Until the former develops some sort of an attacking stroke, however, they will always be liable to defeat against a pair capable of sizing up the weaknesses in their combination.

The same trouble was evident in the combination of the Kwok brothers. David is by far the better player in the matter of stroke equipment. His well-disguised angle-drops are really first-class, while his smash takes a lot of seeing, let alone picking up!

Frank, however, is essentially a defensive player whose forte is his powers of recovery. A fast, hard-hitting pair, however, who concentrated on Frank, would, provided they were consistent enough, win every time.

There is little that can be said about the visitors. They were clearly outclassed in most departments. Albert Chan, playing in his first game for some time, gave a promising display considering his lack of practice, and showed many of his old deft touches at the net.

RULES?

There were a couple of points which arose from this match for which, as yet, I have been unable to get an official ruling.

I have always been under the impression that there was some sort of rule governing order of play with relation to home and away teams, but reference to the handbook revealed no such thing.

My impression hitherto was that in the case of a home team, the captain nominates his order of play and the visiting captain then gives his order according to the list supplied him.

This appears a small matter but it has been designed chiefly in order to offset, to some extent, the advantage to the home team. Thus a visiting captain, on seeing the order of play of the home team, would probably arrange his list so that his strongest pair played the weakest opposition pair in the first round, thus giving them an opportunity of settling down to conditions before meeting the star players of the home team.

This practice is in force in League tennis. Against Kowloon Tong, St. John's nominated Smith and Wilson as second pair but they did not go on until last. Following this, to the surprise of everybody, they played the next game as well. No protest was lodged by the visitors because they thought that possibly the pair had to leave early. This was not the case as it transpired, as they did not play again until the eighth game of the evening, when, as it happened, they lost.

SHOULD BE COVERED

I really think that there should be some rule to cover this. In the case of St. John's, on this occasion, I am certain that all this was done quite thoughtlessly, and in any case the result was not affected. In an important game, however, such action might have resulted in a good deal of unpleasantness. It is obviously all wrong that a team should be in a position to play in any order they like.

There is no doubt that the St. John's team is the strongest in the League. They have a very balanced team and a very strong defence. They are also very fast and have a very good smash. They are also very good at the net. They are also very good at the back. They are also very good at the front. They are also very good at the side. They are also very good at the top. They are also very good at the bottom. They are also very good at the middle. They are also very good at the left. They are also very good at the right. They are also very good at the center. They are also very good at the edge. They are also very good at the corner. They are also very good at the base. They are also very good at the peak. They are also very good at the top. They are also very good at the bottom. They are also very good at the middle. They are also very good at the left. They are also very good at the right. They are also very good at the center. They are also very good at the edge. 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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Marta Eggerth (Soprano) and New Mayfair Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg. Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45 . . . Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin). Norwegian Dance in D Major, Op.

35Gustave Cloez and L'Orchestre Philharmonique de Paris.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Massenet. ElegieGeorges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra. Cello Solo by Krabansky. Thais—MeditationMischa Elman (Violin) with Piano accomp.

O Nature, Full Of GraceGeorges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra.
"Le Cid" Ballet MusicNew Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
6.27 p.m.—Light French Songs by Tino Rossi and Lys Gauty. Tchil Tchil* (Scotto & Others); Le Bonheur M'Est Plus Un Reve (Poterat & Colson)Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.
A Song Selection; Intro: Ca sent la friture; J'aime tes grands yeux; Qui J'aime; Le bistro du port; Le chaland qui passe; Le moulin qui jase; A Paris dans chaque faubourgLys Gauty with Orchestra.
Au Bal De L'Amour (film 'Lumieres de Paris'); Voici Paris (film 'Lumieres de Paris')Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.

"The Beauty Of England"

Helen Lockhart with accomp. by E. O'Neil Shaw.
2. Piano Solo—SelectedE. O'Neil Shaw.
3. (a) A Birthday (Hunting Woodmur); (b) The Waters of Ninnetonka (Lieurance); (c) Ships (Barratt)Helen Lockhart with Piano accomp. by E. O'Neil Shaw.
9.05 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the gan.
Second Serenade (Heykens); I Monastery Garden (Ketelb); Leslie Stuart Selection: Intro: diers of the King; Tell me, pr maiden; In the shade of the P
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News 8 mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"W Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—Dance Music. Fox-Trots—Me and Brother Savoy BluesLouis A strong & His Orchestra.
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Fox-Trot—It Seems Like Old Ti Ruby Newman & His Orches
10.00 p.m.—Studio—"The Beauty England"—5: The Yorkshire Da The fifth of a series of talks by Very Rev. The Dean of K Kong.
10.25 p.m.—Variety with Mary Billy Mayerl, Oliver Wake Gertrude Lawrence, & Others. Vocal—When The Gipsy Pl ("Glamorous Night"—Nove Glamorous Night ("Glamo Night"—Novello)Ellis (Soprano) accomp. by Drury Lane Theatre Orchest Piano—In My Garden (Mayerl) Billy Mayerl.
Vocal—Studio Scene—A Bl Opera ("Careless Rapture Novello)Ivor Novello, D thy Dickson & Olive Gilbert Orchestra.
Why Is There Ever Good ("Careless Rapture"—Novello) Olive Gilbert (Contralto) Drury Lane Theatre Orchest Humorous Monologue—The Vol Inexperience (Wakefield) Oliver Wakefield.
Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Me Intro: Limehouse Blues; You meant for me; Do, Do, Do Gertrude Lawrence (Sop with Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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EXPERT DEFENCE

To-day's hand illustrates a very fine defensive hand played by George Sagarin of New York City and William D. Lee of Evanston, Ill.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
North-South 40 on score
♠ A 6 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ J 9 8 6
♣ A J 9
Mr. Sagarin
♠ J 10 8
♥ K 10 6 5
♦ 4
♣ Q 5 2
Mr. Lee
♠ Q 9 7
♥ 7 3
♦ 10 7 4
♣ K Q 10 3
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♠ K 5 3
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A K 3
♣ 5 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥(1) Pass Pass Pass
(1) Two notrump is a better bid.

Mr. Sagarin opened the Jack of spades. Declarer won with the King and played three rounds of diamonds, West's Queen winning the third lead. The ten of spades was now led and won by dummy's Ace and Declarer now played his thirteenth diamond, whereupon the brilliant defence started.

Mr. Lee trumped with the seven. Declarer discarded a low spade and Mr. Sagarin under-ruffed. Mr. Lee now led his deuce of trumps. Declarer finessed the Jack. West won with the King and played the eight of clubs. Dummy played the nine, East the ten and Declarer a low one. Mr. Lee now

returned the Queen of clubs (a false card). Declarer won with dummy's Ace and at this point could have made his contract had he led a spade and trumped with the nine of hearts. However the play had indicated to him that West held the King of clubs. Hence he played another club. Mr. Lee won with the King, Mr. Sagarin discarded his one remaining spade, and now there was no way in which Declarer could cash his nine of hearts for his eighth trick.

You were the dealer yesterday. What was your bid holding.

♠ A K X
♥ A Q 10
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J X

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three notrump. If your partner has a suit and something in high cards, he can show it, whereupon you can go on to a Slam. Even if he has a bust, with a little luck you may make three notrump.

Score 100% for three notrump, 40% for two notrump (an underbid) 40% for two clubs (there is little to be gained by this bid with this particular hand.)

QUESTION NO. 318
You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ K 10 X X
♥ K 10 X X
♦ X X
♣ J X X

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
1♠ Pass (1)
What do you bid? (Answer

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(Sd.) T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.
Hong Kong, 26th Jan., 1940.

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Notice is hereby given that, in view of the increased navigational hazards in European waters, a surcharge will be applied as from 23rd January, 1940, to all marine insurance rates on cargo to certain European countries.

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Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
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Hong Kong, 23rd. Jan., 1940.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**PUBLIC AUCTION**

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 29th day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 411.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4180 and 4181, Canton Road, Mong Kok.	n.	n.	n.	n.	About 11,180	\$206	\$16,770
			As per sale plan						

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on **FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be **CLOSED** from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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CANADA CALLS AN ELECTION

Ottawa, To-day.

"An immediate appeal to the country" was announced by Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor-General, in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament yesterday.

The announcement, which came as a complete surprise, indicates a winter general election—a rare event in Canada.

The speech did not give any specific date for polling.

The speech was probably one of the shortest and perhaps the most sensational on record.

In announcing the general election in Canada, Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor-General, stated that the Government has decided to submit the country's programme in the war effort to a vote of confidence from the people.—Reuter.

ALARM IN CANTON?

Macao, To-day.

Hospitals and receiving stations in Canton are crowded with wounded Japanese soldiers who are arriving from the north. It is alleged that Japanese residents have made preparations for leaving Canton at any moment.

During the past few days, the Japanese have suffered severe losses at Tsengshing.—Our Own Correspondent.

ROOSEVELT AND THE VATICAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vatican City, To-day.

Despite the fact that he possesses no-official status, Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative, will be treated by the Holy See as an accredited Ambassador, it is revealed here.

The Pope is to receive Mr. Taylor with the elaborate ceremony which accompanies the presentation of credentials by the representatives of the major Powers.

Hopes are expressed here that constant direct contact of President Roosevelt's representative with the Holy See permit better co-ordination of the Vatican's and Washington's work in helping war victims, and may eventually lead to peace.—Havas.

BRITISH PLANE LOST OVER GERMANY

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry statement says that a British reconnaissance plane operating from an R.A.F. base in France has not returned.

The German communique states that a British machine was shot down in a dog-fight near Duisburg in the Rhineland.—Reuter.

TWO NEUTRAL SHIPS MINED OR TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

Reports reaching the Admiralty indicate that two further neutral ships were sunk in the North Sea yesterday, by mine or torpedo, but no details are available.—Reuter.

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Ottawa, To-day.

Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor-General, said in Parliament yesterday that vigorous action was being taken through all branches of the armed forces to provide security of defence for Canada in co-operation with the Allied forces on land and sea and in the air.

For the effective prosecution of the war, Canada's industrial, financial and other resources were being steadily mobilised, and all war activities co-ordinated.

The Canadian people had shown their determination to share with Britain and France to the utmost of their strength in defence of freedom.—Reuter.

Ottawa, To-day.

The Government kept its secret regarding the dissolution of Parliament so well that everyone except members of the Cabinet was surprised.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Premier, later told the Commons he had hoped to pass certain essential legislation before appealing to the country but he changed his plans owing to the lack of unity.

He referred particularly to the Ontario Legislature's criticism of the Government last week, and said the election could be completed before the end of March.

He added it was desirable to get it over before a possible Spring offensive on the western front began.

The Prime Minister emphasised that the Government had devoted every ounce of its energies to the prosecution of the war. They had carefully considered every step and were sure that it would meet the people's approval and would best serve the war effort. The Ontario resolution, he declared, was passed purely to start a political campaign while Parliament was sitting.

At the conclusion of the debate, Parliament was dissolved.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

German listeners were told over the French Radio last night that it would be unwise for them to take it for granted that the Allied General Staff would sit still and wait until it pleased Hitler to act.

The coming months, said the announcer, will reveal the secrets that both sides have in store for one another but it would be absurd to assume that the initiative will rest with our enemies.

"The war will start in the Spring and since Hitler unchained the war, he will have to swallow the consequences."—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

The New York newspapers cite "reliable maritime quarters" for the prediction of a German submarine attack on the British mercantile lifelines to the West Indies.

It is declared that three U-boats are prowling in the vicinity of Trinidad, attended by a speedy 5,000-ton armed ex-liner serving as tender.

The plan is reported to be to deliver a lightning blow at British and French ships carrying grain, foods and oil.

The American authorities state they are aware of at least some details of the project.

Under the plan, it is stated, several German merchantmen recently left South American ports with submarine fuel and provisions.

Tourists recently returned from Curacao stated that German residents there were aware of the scheme, and predicted privately that neutral and Allied shipping would be "staggered" in the near future.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

Considerable significance attaches to the publication here of a long statement issued by Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, Secretary of Commerce, which shows clearly Japan's great dependence on the United States as a market for Japanese goods and to supply essential raw materials since the European war has disrupted a considerable portion of Japan's trade with Europe.

Thus the statement shows how Japan would be hamstrung should any development interrupt her normal commerce with the United States.

Mr. Hopkins recalls that in recent years Japan has ranked third in trade with the United States, both as buyer and seller. Japan accounts for between seven and eight per cent. of American imports and exports, while the U.S. supplies 34 per cent. of Japan's total imports and buys from 16 to 20 per cent. of the total Japanese exports.

As Japan's exports within the yen bloc area (a trade which does not bring in foreign currency) are between 40 and 50 per cent. of the total, it is clear that exports to America constitute an important source of foreign currency with which to buy raw materials.

Mr. Hopkins shows that the United States supplies Japan with approximately 68 per cent. of her essential requirements, in heavy industry, including 40 per cent. of her raw cotton, 40 per cent. of her metals, 50 per cent. of her machinery and 65 per cent. of her petroleum.—Reuter.

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